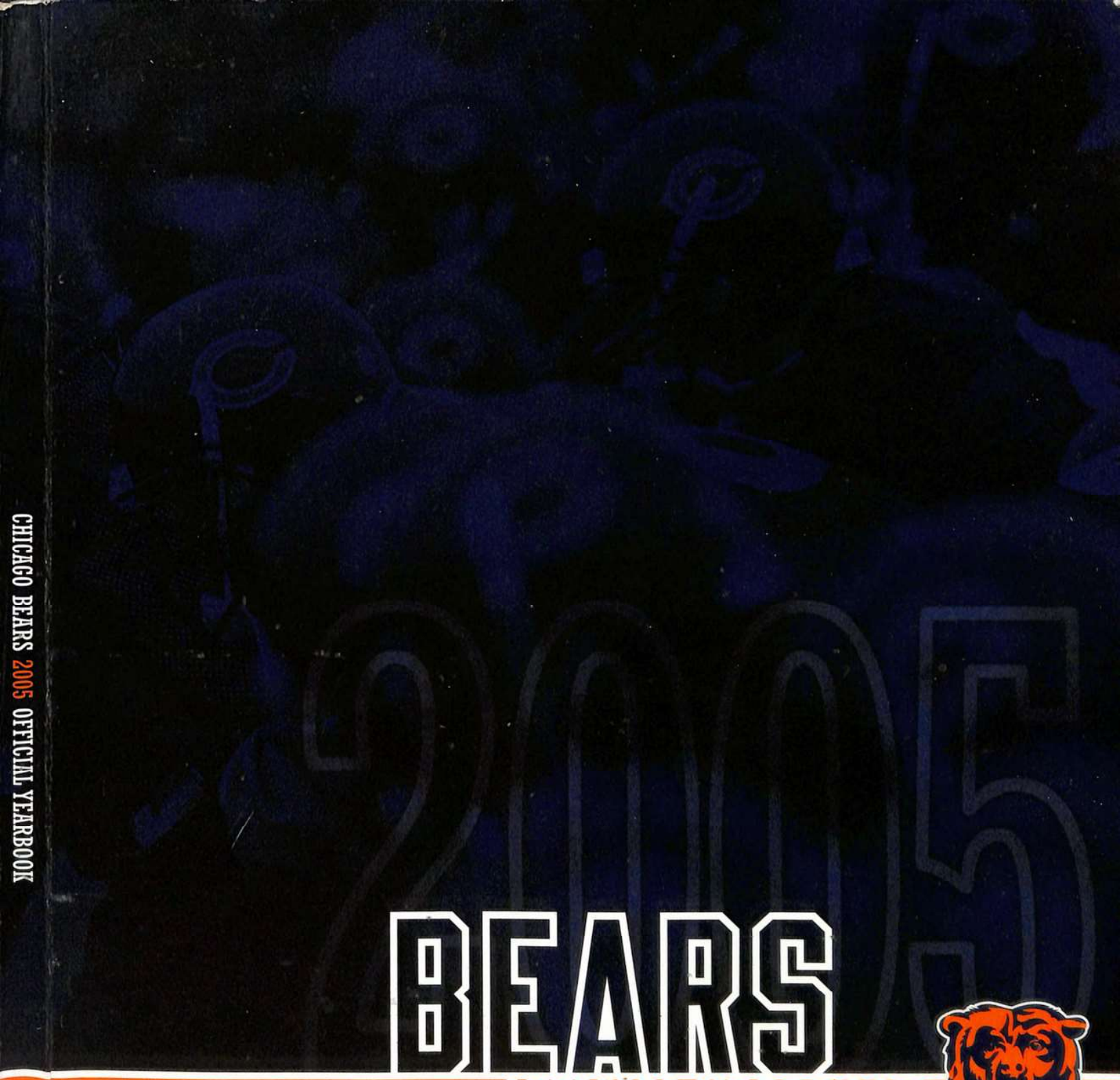

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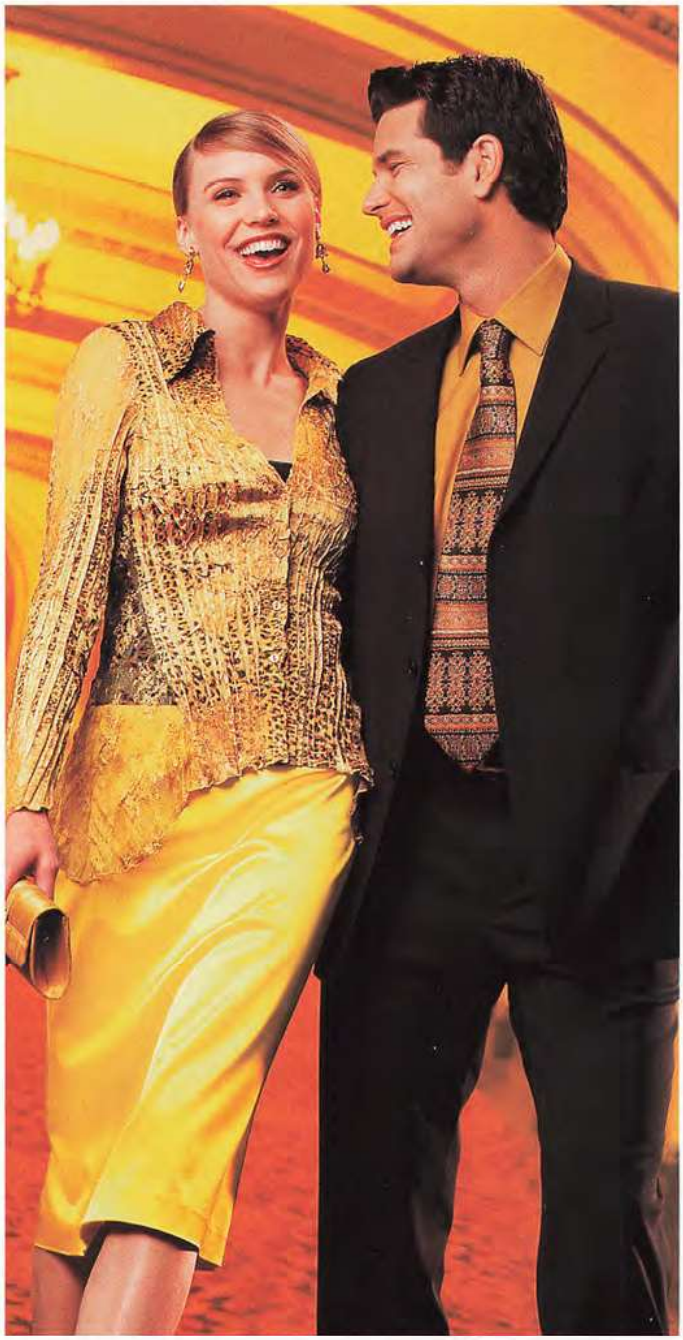

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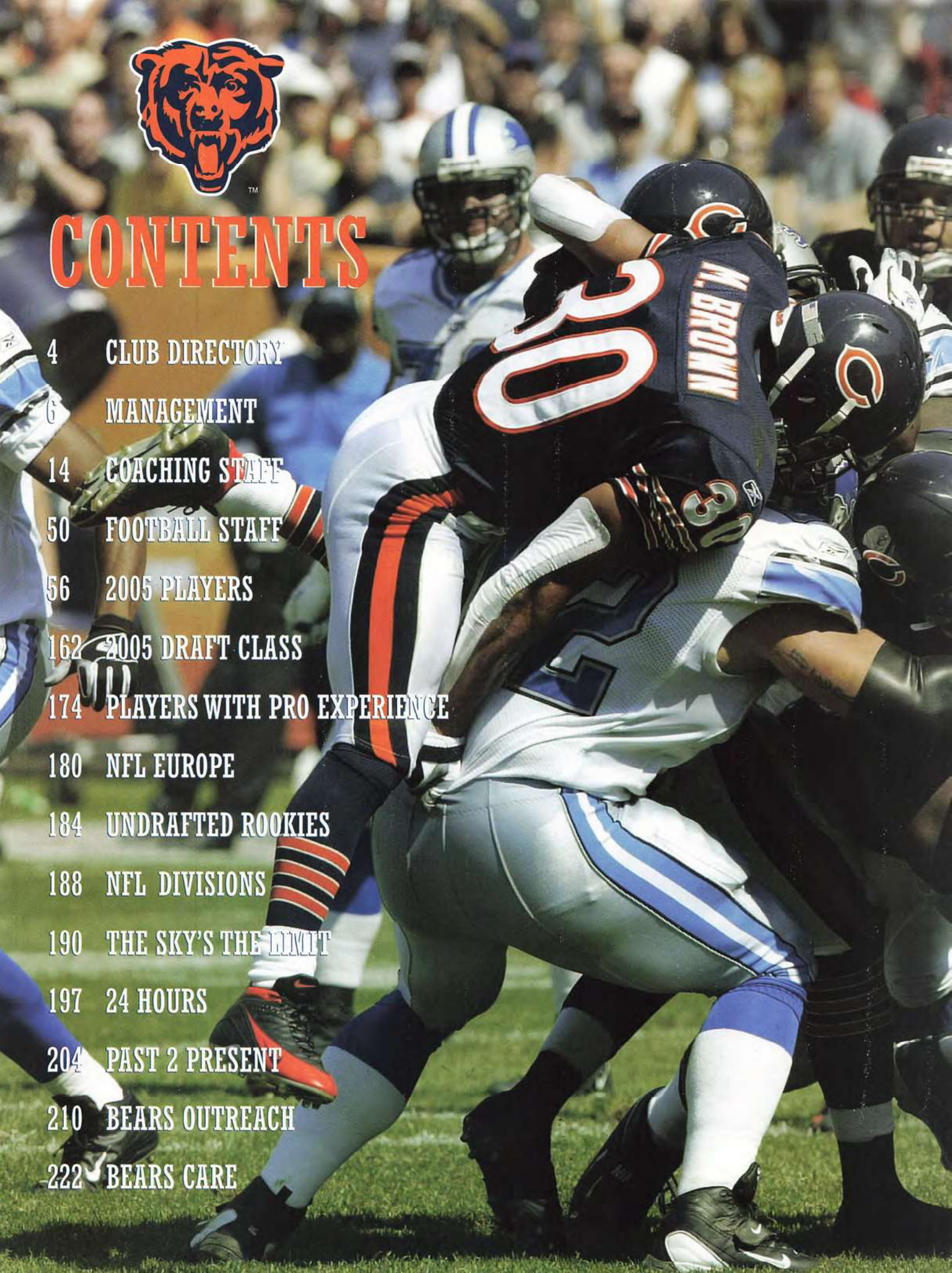

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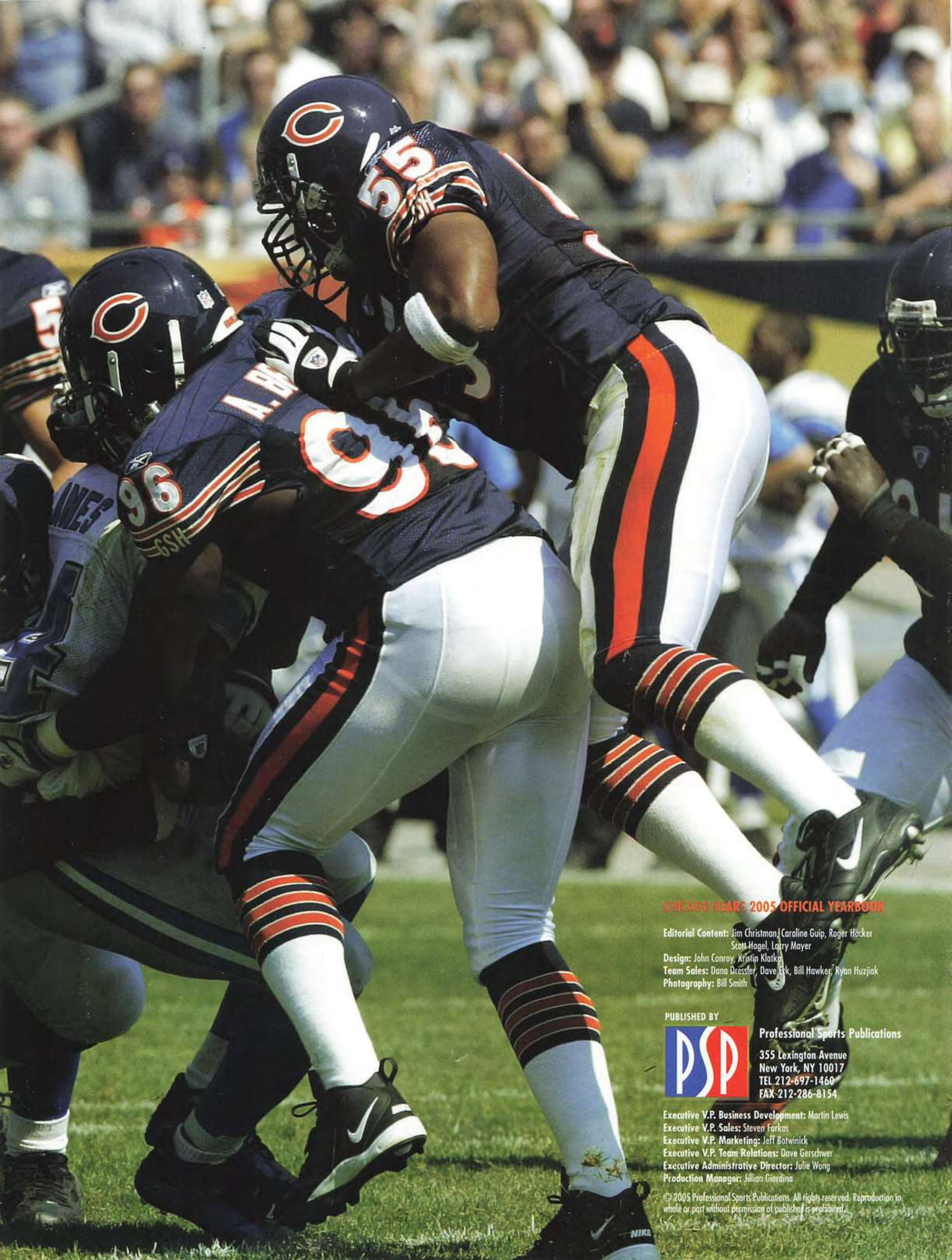

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TED PHILLIPS

PRESIDENT/CEO

A key member of the Bears front office since 1983, Phillips was named President and Chief Executive Officer on February 10, 1999. He is the fourth person to serve as president in the organization's storied 85-year history following Michael McCaskey, George "Mugs" Halas, Jr., and George S. Halas. Upon taking the reins of one of the historic teams in professional sports, Phillips set a course for the Bears to rejoin the NFL's elite. His plan revolves around creating the best fan experience possible and bringing a 10th championship to the league's premier franchise. In six years, Phillips has reorganized the team's football and business operations along with bringing one of the nation's top football stadiums to Chicago. With the foundation now in place, Bears fans have reasons to be excited.

Chicago waited over 40 years for a stadium built for football. Phillips envisioned a venue with the amenities and atmosphere the NFL's best fans craved. Tradition would not be sacrificed. The stadium would continue to be open-air to ensure "Bear weather" remained a home field advantage. It would stay on the lakefront where over 30 years of Bears legends have left their mark on Chicago. And it would continue to be called Soldier Field. In 2003, the vision became a reality as the doors to the new Soldier Field opened for the next era of Bears football and it proved to be a winner. The New York Times selected the project as one of the nation's best architectural buildings/plans in 2003 and Midwest Construction picked it as the "Overall Project of the Year."

Bears team founder George Halas began the search for a new stadium and Phillips ended the hunt, playing a lead role in the City of Chicago's Lakefront Redevelopment Plan, featuring 17 acres of new parkland, an underground parking structure and a new stadium within the historic confines of Soldier Field.

Phillips' mark on the Bears organization extends far beyond the new stadium. An NFL veteran with over 20 years of experience with the Chicago Bears, he is involved in all critical decisions of the Bears, overseeing all aspects of the organization. He has revived the team's proud tradition and orchestrated a team structure to deliver success on and off the field. Phillips has espoused a philosophy of surrounding himself with high character, intelligent and driven individuals who share common goals, striving to make all aspects of the Bears organization the best in the NFL. Emphasizing a team work ethic, Phillips believes that no one area is more important than the overall organization and that success at every level is key in the Bears' quest to return to the Super Bowl. His highlights include hiring the team's first general manager in over 14 years, reorganizing the club's business operations, returning the Bears training camp to Illinois and presiding over Chicago's first division championship (2001) in over a decade.

During the 2001 off-season, Phillips hired Jerry Angelo, the Bears' first general manager in fifteen years, giving new direction to the Bears football operations. He went on to extend Angelo's contract following the 2003 season, creating continuity and stability across the front office, which was critically important with the arrival of head coach Lovie Smith and his staff.

Phillips has also helped bring stability to the team's training camp situation by extending the organization's relationship with Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais for two more seasons with an option for a third following the 2004 season. In 2002, the Bears returned their training camp to Illinois for the first time since 1983, moving to Olivet. The move fit into Phillips' goals of making Bears football more accessible to those who have supported the organization for decades. Fans have responded favorably over the first three years, turning out in record numbers over the three-week training period with some practice crowds exceeding 10,000 in attendance.

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Displaying astute leadership and a solid work ethic, Phillips insists on strong internal communication and attention to detail. Taking great pride in the Bears organization, he allows individual departments to feel a sense of ownership in their areas, allowing his staff the freedom to make decisions, provide strategic input, in the process becoming valued members of the team. Many departments have begun to flourish under Phillips direction. Examples include the expertise of his Corporate Sales staff with the innovative Hall of Fame Partner program, which seeks to maximize the value and exposure to a limited number of key corporate partners. Broadcasting continues to grow their in-house capabilities, producing fresh and innovative ideas both in content and graphic design in various mediums such as print, television and radio and in stadium displays. Corporate Communications is continuously striving to improve the team's website to make it the premier site for up to the minute Bears news. Their creative ideas include providing "hands-on" perspectives from both management and players to Bears fans. He also continues to emphasize the importance of fan relations and customer service, insisting on personalized attention from both ticket operations and fan services staff, along with enhancing the Bears' game day experience and expanding the club's special events and community relations efforts. In February of 2005, Phillips recognized other community builders as the chairman of the 11th Annual Chicago Development Awards, established to celebrate Chicago's neighborhoods, the best community development projects and the not-for-profit organizations behind them. Phillips' other community activities include serving on the board of directors for the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce.

Phillips served as the Bears' Vice President of Operations for six seasons starting in 1993. Recognized for his many years of handling the Bears' contract negotiations and team finances, Phillips is currently one of only two individuals in the NFL to serve on both the NFL Working Club Executive committee and the NFL Senior Club Executive committee, whose mission is to analyze both the financial and football operations of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, including mechanics of the salary cap and to provide critical input to the NFL Management Council as the League attempts to extend the labor piece with the players union. The NFL salary cap system is widely regarded as the best overall financial system in professional sports. Before becoming Vice President of Operations, Phillips served as the Director of Finance from 1987 to 1993, handling all player contract negotiations and overseeing the club's business operations. Phillips joined the Bears staff on September 28, 1983, as the team's Controller, a position he held for four years.

Prior to joining the Bears, Phillips was employed as an auditor and tax accountant with the international accounting firm Ernst & Whinney (now Ernst & Young), from 1979-83. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1979 with a degree in business and accounting. Phillips earned a master of marketing and management degree from the Kellogg Graduate School at Northwestern University in 1989.

Phillips was born in Oneida, N.Y., and grew up in Nashua, N.H. He and his wife, Katie, have three sons: Matthew (10), Max (8) and Frank (6).

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JERRY ANGELO

GENERAL MANAGER

Since joining Chicago prior to the 2001 season, general manager Jerry Angelo has brought a clear vision to Bears football. Rewarding core players, building through the draft and managing the salary cap are the cornerstones of Angelo's direction. His plan has created stability in Chicago and generated hope as the Bears continue to build upon a strong nucleus of young talent.

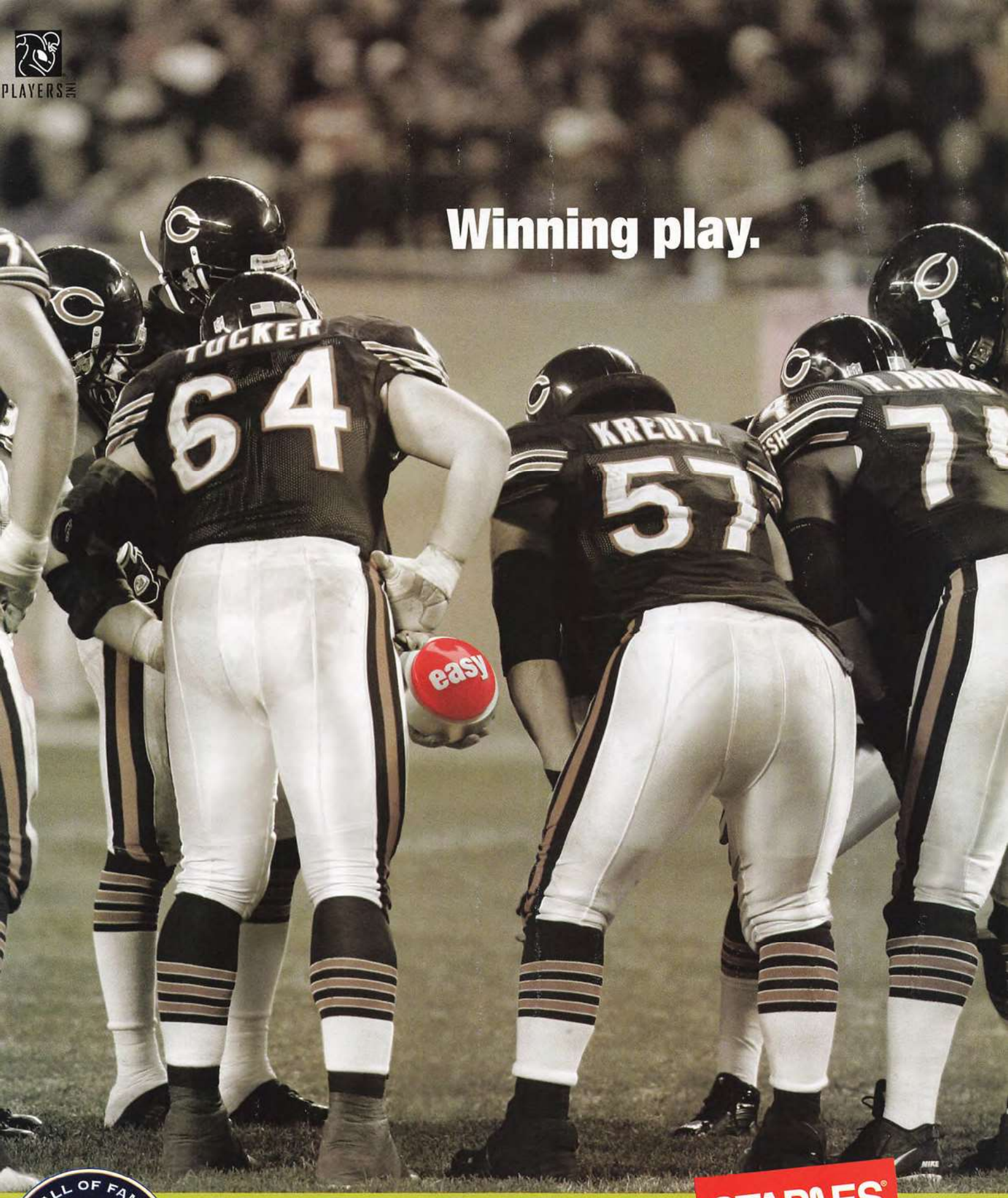
Continuity in the Bears football operations was solidified in the 2004 off-season when Angelo hired Lovie Smith to be the 13th head coach in Chicago Bears history. Angelo and Smith spent five years (1996-2000) together in Tampa Bay, helping build a team that went on to capture a championship in 2002.

Angelo's mantra for the past four years has been "reward your own" and he has followed through by taking a proactive approach with the team's key players. A total of 13 current players, including Pro Bowlers Brian Urlacher, Olin Kreutz and Jerry Azumah, have received contract extensions since Angelo's arrival and over 75 percent of the Bears 2005 roster is signed through the next two seasons (not including the six 2005 draft picks).

Managing the salary cap is a key element to maintaining a team's continuity and adding talent through free agency. Angelo and his staff have excelled in this area allowing the Bears to attract key additions through the free agent market. Chicago got a jump on the market prior to free agency in the 2005 offseason when they signed Pro Bowl wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad one day after he was waived by the Carolina Panthers. The Bears carried that momentum into free agency by signing offensive tackle Fred Miller, guard/center Roberto Garza and wide receiver Eddie Berlin. In 2004 Chicago landed current starters offensive tackle John Tait, running back Thomas Jones and guard Ruben Brown to bolster the team's offense. Free agency has not been the only means used to add talent under Angelo. A late-March trade with Washington in 2004 added fullback Bryan Johnson to the roster. Angelo's personnel department has also tapped the waiver wire (Qasim Mitchell) and opponent's practice squads (Steve Edwards) for key contributors.

The draft has been the primary means to bringing new talent to the football team. Angelo and his scouting staff focused on providing the offense with players possessing play-making ability in the 2005 draft and took offensive skill-position players with each of their first four picks. Leading the way was the fourth overall selection, running back Cedric Benson. The Bears drafted defensive players with each of their final two picks, looking to further bolster a defense that was improved upon in the 2004 draft when Chicago tabbed six defensive prospects in eight selections, including top pick Tommie Harris. In 2003, Angelo orchestrated the League's most significant draft trade sending the fourth overall pick to the New York Jets in exchange for two first round selections (Michael Haynes and Rex Grossman). By the end of the draft weekend, Chicago had selected 12 players, the most of any team in the NFL. Angelo's last two draft have produced a aggregate total of 12 rookie starters combining to make 68 starts, 38 in 2003 and 30 in 2004.

In his first season leading the Bears football staff, Angelo helped guide the team to its first division title in 11 years. He was handed the reins of the Chicago Bears football operations on June 12, 2001 as the team's first general manager since 1986 (Jerry



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Vainisi). Angelo has 36 years of football experience, including 20 as a NFL scout and 18 in the NFC North Division (includes 15 years in former NFC Central Division). He oversees the Bears entire football staff including football operations, personnel and coaching along with all decisions regarding the draft, free agency, trades and the salary cap.

Angelo accepted his current post after spending 14 years overseeing Tampa Bay's scouting department as the Buccaneers' Director of Player Personnel. In Tampa, Angelo helped turn a team that averaged under five wins a season in its first 21 years of existence into a perennial playoff contender, as the Buccaneers averaged almost 10 wins over his last four years with three playoff berths and one NFC Championship appearance (1999). The Youngstown, Ohio, native was a key member in carrying out the philosophy of Tampa's rebuilding process. He contributed to drafting Pro Bowlers Tony Mayberry (1990), John Lynch (1993), Trent Dilfer (1994), Warren Sapp (1995), Derrick Brooks (1995), Mike Alstott (1996), Donnie Abraham (1996), Warrick Dunn (1997) and Martin Gramatica (1999). He also was a pivotal player in recruiting free agents Hardy Nickerson (1993), Jeff Christy (2000) and Randall McDaniel (2000), all of whom made trips to Hawaii donning a Bucs uniform. Overall, Angelo had a hand in Tampa's 32 Pro Bowl appearances by 14 different players from 1989 to 2000.

Prior to joining Tampa Bay in 1987, Angelo spent five seasons (1982-86) as a regional scout for the New York Giants, including their Super Bowl XXI campaign. He spent 1981 in the Canadian Football League as the Calgary Stampeders linebackers coach. Angelo broke into the NFL as a scout for the Dallas Cowboys in 1980. After playing defensive tackle for three years (1968-70) at Miami of Ohio for coaches Bo Schembechler and Bill Mallory, Angelo graduated with a bachelor's degree in social sciences and a master's in secondary administration while working as a graduate assistant at the university in 1971. He went on to coach eight more years in the collegiate ranks beginning at Colorado State as a part-time defensive line coach (1972) and ending with a five-year stint as the D-line coach at Syracuse (1975-79). In 1973 and 1974, he served as the defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator for the University of Tampa before the Spartans cut the football program.

Jerry and his wife, Bernie, have two daughters, Leisa, who is married to Brad Rice, and Sutton.

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LOVIE SMITH

HEAD COACH

Lovie Smith is in his second season as the head coach of the Chicago Bears after being the 13th man named to that post in team history on January 15, 2004. Presiding over the youngest team in the NFL while battling through a spate of injuries that robbed the team of the services of several of its headline players, the Bears posted a 5-11 record in Smith's first season at the helm.

While striving to improve the team's record in 2005, Smith laid the foundation for success in Chicago in 2004 by establishing his cornerstone of aggressive defensive play. The Bears set a franchise record with six defensive touchdowns and matched another with three safeties en route to leading the NFC in defensive scoring. The Bears also nearly doubled their sack total from the previous season in 2004 while also forcing nine more turnovers than they did in 2003. Showing consistent in-game defensive improvement from the first half to the second half throughout Smith's inaugural season as a head coach, Chicago's defense held six opponents to three points or less in the second half while limiting five opponents to less than 100 yards of total offense after halftime. The Bears defense also led the NFL in third-down efficiency and paced the NFC (fourth in NFL) in red-zone defense.

Smith came to Chicago with the reputation for being proficient at instituting positive change after he engineered a dramatic turnaround as the defensive coordinator of the Rams from 2001 through 2003. Known for his acumen in teaching and motivating young talent, Smith took on the added responsibility of Assistant Head Coach with the Rams prior to the 2003 season.

In Smith's first season as an NFL defensive coordinator with St. Louis in 2001, Smith helped the Rams return to the Super Bowl after missing the playoffs the previous season as the Smith-led defense improved by 12 points and 68 total yards per game from the previous year. Smith coached on playoff teams in four of his last five campaigns as an assistant and has done so in five of his nine NFL seasons overall. The native Texan was sought out to take over the Rams defense after five seasons coaching linebackers under Tony Dungy from 1996-2000.

During his three years in St. Louis, Smith molded a young defensive group into one of the NFL's most aggressive units. The Rams ranked among the League leaders in takeaways and sacks during his three years in St. Louis. From 2001-03, the Rams ranked third in the NFL in takeaways and fumble recoveries, tied for sixth in sacks, and tied for eighth in interceptions. Smith helped steward St. Louis to shutouts in both 2001 and 2003, the first white-washings by the Rams organization since 1994. The efforts of Smith's defense were rarely lost in the outcome of St. Louis games during his tenure as the team's 33 wins ranked as the third-most in the NFL during that time (33; GB, 34; PHI, 35). He capped his stint in St. Louis in 2003 by orchestrating one of the NFL's most productive units in recent memory as the Rams were among the League leaders in takeaways, defensive touchdowns, and sacks in 2003. In that year, St. Louis led the NFL with 46 takeaways while tying for fourth with 24 interceptions and leading the NFL with 22 fumble recoveries. That season's takeaway total is tied with the 1999 Eagles for the third-highest single-season total in the NFL since 1993 (2000 Ravens, 49; 1993 Bills, 47). St. Louis ranked fourth in the NFL by scoring five defensive touchdowns in 2003 and also posted the fourth-most sacks in the NFL.

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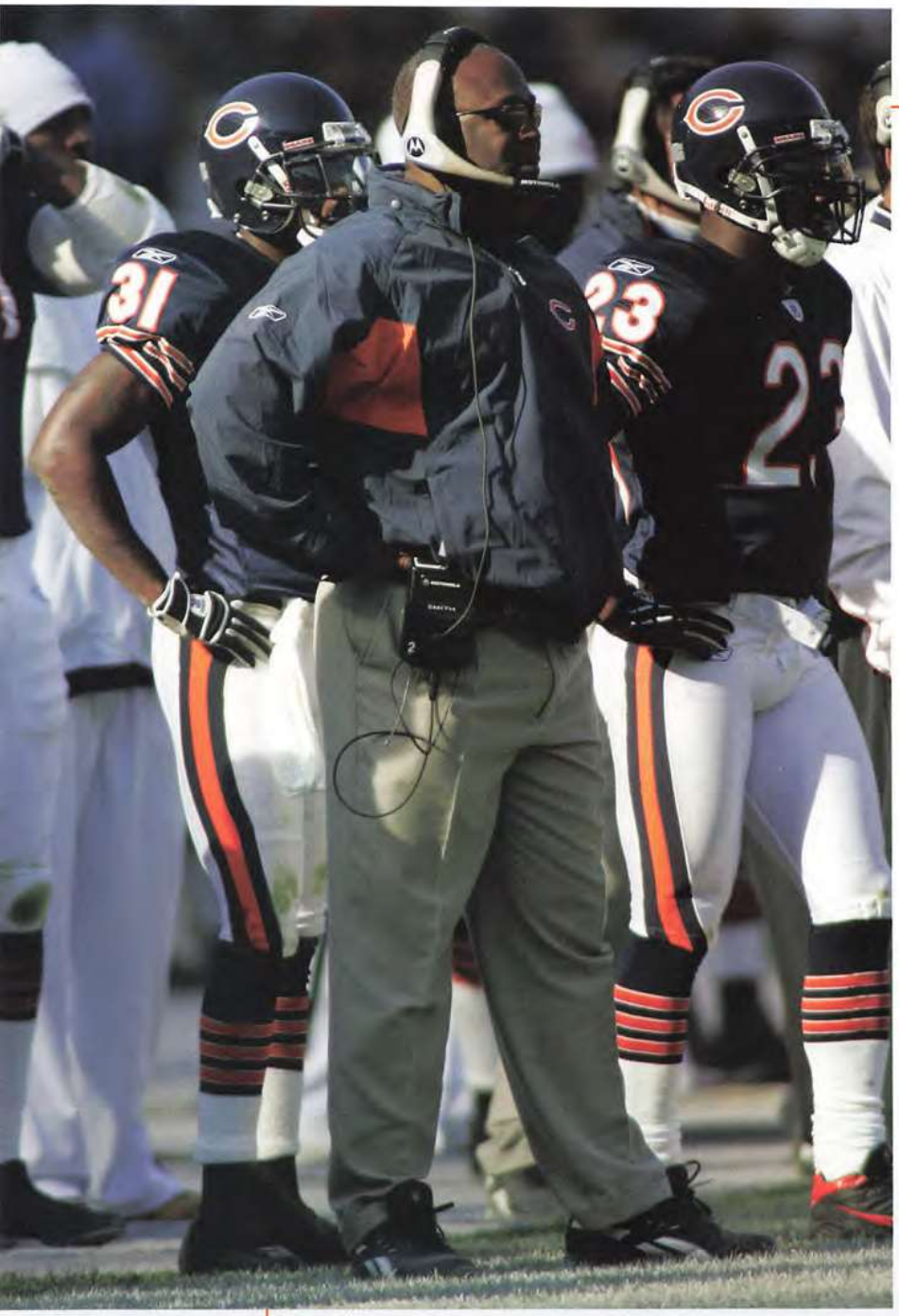

Smith guided St. Louis to a defensive resurgence upon taking over in 2001. Inheriting a defense coming off a season in which it ranked 23rd in the NFL in total defense while allowing over 29 points per game, Smith improved the unit to third in the NFL in total defense while permitting only 17.0 points per game. In addition to leading the NFC in total defense in 2001 after ranking 10th the previous year, the Rams led the conference in fewest first downs allowed, fewest rushing first downs allowed, fewest first-down yards allowed, fewest first-down plays against, and fewest first-down yards per play allowed. Specifically, the St. Louis defense made one-year leaps to third from 13th in the NFL in run defense and 10th from 27th in the NFL in pass defense while improving to a conference-high 14 wins from 10 in 2000. Other highlights for the Rams defense in 2001 were ranking second in first downs allowed and seventh in points allowed per game while recording five defensive touchdowns. Smith and the Rams accomplished all this with seven new defensive starters in 2001, including two rookies.

In 2002, the Rams defense finished tied for fourth in the NFC and tied for fifth in the NFL in fewest touchdowns allowed. The unit was stingy on third down as well, ranking sixth in the NFC and eighth in the NFL in third-down efficiency. During three straight games that November, St. Louis' defense yielded a mere 418 passing yards, the lowest three-game total by the franchise since 1988. Smith's unit also contributed to a five-game winning streak that season by allowing just one offensive touchdown per game, the longest such streak for the team since 1999.

Preceding his success in St. Louis, Smith contributed to the revival of Tampa Bay's defense as the Buccaneers linebacker coach from 1996-2000. Tampa's defense hadn't ranked above 20th in the NFL in the four seasons prior to Smith's arrival under head coach Tony Dungy and defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, but had ranks of 11th in 1996, third in 1997, second in 1998, third in 1999, and ninth in 2000. During the five seasons with Smith on the Bucs staff, the team allowed less than 300 points each year while permitting an average of 16.9 points and 258.8 yards per game. Tampa Bay posted only two defensive touchdowns in Smith's first three years, but improved with two in '99 and a franchise-record six in 2000.

Smith's tutelage has consistently brought out the best in his players. As linebackers coach at Tampa Bay, Smith helped Derrick Brooks develop into one of the NFL's best linebackers.

Brooks had a pedestrian 79 tackles as a rookie in 1995 before Smith joined the staff for the 1996 campaign. That season Brooks went over 100 tackles and was named to the Pro Bowl for the first time in his career, a pair of streaks that were extended to nine consecutive in 2004. Also in 1996, Smith guided Hardy Nickerson to his second career Pro Bowl appearance after not being named the two previous seasons. Brooks and Nickerson combined to be named to eight Pro Bowls under Smith.

Individual success has continued for players under Smith since he began overseeing the defensive operations for St. Louis in 2001. Defensive end Leonard Little received his first career Pro Bowl berth in 2003 after his third consecutive season with at least 12 sacks. In Smith's first year with the Rams, Little led the team with a career-high 14.5 sacks in only 13 games played while playing primarily on passing downs. The other starting defensive end during Smith's three years in St. Louis was Grant Wistrom, the owner of 45 sacks in seven NFL seasons. Wistrom ranked second on the Rams in sacks each of the three years under Smith with three of his four career multi-sack games coming during that time. With a career-high five sacks in 2003, safety Adam Archuleta set the St. Louis Rams sack record for defensive backs under Smith's guidance. Little and Aeneas Williams were named to the Pro Bowl under Smith's guidance in 2003 while Williams also did so in 2001. Williams and Wistrom were first-team All-Pro selections in 2001 while Archuleta and Tommy Polley earned All-Rookie status that season. Additionally, St. Louis defenders earned four NFC Defensive Player of the Week honors under Smith in 2001 with three more being received in 2003 along with a pair of NFC Defensive Player of the Month awards.

Overall, Smith has spent 22 years in coaching at the collegiate and professional levels. He began his coaching career at his hometown high school, Big Sandy High School, in 1980 before moving to Cascia Hall Prep in Tulsa the following year. Two years later, Smith made the jump to the college ranks at his alma mater of Tulsa as linebackers coach, where he stayed through 1986. Smith moved on to coach linebackers at Wisconsin (1987), Arizona State (1988-91), and Kentucky (1992). Smith was the defensive backs coach at Tennessee (1993-94) and Ohio State (1995).

A native of Big Sandy, Texas, Smith led the Big Sandy Wildcats to three consecutive state championships in high school and was all-state three years as an end and linebacker. Smith was a two-time all-America and three-time all-Missouri Conference defensive back at Tulsa.

Lovie and his wife, MaryAnne, have three sons, Mikal, Matthew, and Miles, and twin grandsons, Malachi and Noah.

RON RIVERA

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Former Bears linebacker Ron Rivera is in his second season as Chicago's defensive coordinator, guiding a unit that led the NFC with a team-record six defensive touchdowns in his first campaign. Rivera was named to his current position on January 23, 2004, after spending five seasons as linebackers coach for the Philadelphia Eagles (1999-2003). Rivera, who played nine seasons for the Bears (1984-92), was a member of Chicago's Super Bowl championship team in 1985 and began his coaching career as a defensive quality control assistant with the team in 1997.

In his first season as an NFL defensive coordinator, Rivera oversaw the highest scoring defense in team history and presided over an increase of nine takeaways from the previous year. The Bears thrived in third-down situations as well as inside its own 20-yard line during Rivera's first season at the helm. Chicago's defense led the NFL in third-down efficiency (30.5%) and led the NFC (fourth NFL) in red zone defense (42.6%). Most importantly, Rivera's young defense demonstrated in-game improvement from the first half to the second half throughout the 2004 campaign, holding six opponents to three points or less in the second half while limiting five opponents to less than 100 yards of total offense after half-time.

While in Philadelphia, the Eagles advanced to the NFC Championship game each of his final three seasons and during that stretch ranked near the top of the League in fewest points allowed (15.3 ppg), third down efficiency (32.4%), sacks (189), opponent quarterback rating (73.2) and takeaways (128). In 2001, the Eagles defense allowed fewer than 21 points in each of their 16 games for just the fourth time in League history and, during Rivera's first year on the job (1999), Philadelphia led the NFL with 46 takeaways including a team record five interceptions returned for touchdowns. Rivera helped develop LB Jeremiah Trotter into a two-time Pro Bowl performer with the Eagles. During Rivera's five years overseeing the Eagles linebackers, he worked with the top tacklers on the team as each of the three starters consistently ranked in the top five on the team in tackles and as a group averaged 387 tackles per season (129 tackles per starting linebacker).

Rivera, a second-round draft choice by the Bears in 1984, played in 149 games with 62 starts (including 12 postseason contests with six starts), posting 392 tackles (190 solo), nine interceptions, five forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries, 15 passes defended and seven quarterback sacks during his nine-year career.

Following his NFL playing career and prior to joining the coaching ranks in 1997, Rivera spent four years (1993-96) as an analyst covering the Bears and college football for SportsChannel, Chicago on television and on WSCR and WGN radio. He joined the Bears as the team's first defensive quality control coach (1997-98).

A consensus All-America selection as a linebacker at California, Rivera finished his collegiate career as the school's all-time sacks leader with 22 and first in career tackles with 336. Rivera still holds the Cal record for most tackles-for-a-loss in a season with 26.5 in 1983.

Rivera was born in Fort Ord, CA. With his father being an officer in the Army, Rivera lived in Germany, Panama, Washington and Maryland prior to moving to central California, where he attended Seaside High School. He and his wife, Stephanie, have one son, Christopher (19), and one daughter Courtney (12). Stephanie, a former basketball player at California, has served as an assistant women's basketball coach at Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL), the ABL's Chicago Condors (1997-98) and the WNBA's Washington Mystics (2000).

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RON TURNER

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Ron Turner began his second stint as the Bears offensive coordinator when he was hired on January 9, 2005, after eight seasons as the head coach at the University of Illinois. During his first tour with the Bears as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach from 1993-96, Turner guided some of the most prolific offenses in club history while serving as the last offensive coordinator to guide Chicago to a postseason win.

Working with a different starting QB each of his previous four years with the Bears, Turner helped Chicago to a 33-33 overall record while directing the offense. The Bears were 1-1 in the playoffs during that span, averaging 25.0 points per game. Chicago averaged 482 rushing attempts and 491 pass attempts per season under Turner and compiled over 4,600 total net yards each of his final three years. Team completion percentages in 1994 (61.4%) and 1995 (60.2%) rank as the highest in team history while the team's net passing yard total of 3,743 in 1995 and 3,185 in 1996 rank second and fourth, respectively, in team history.

In 1995, with Erik Kramer at QB, the Bears set a team record for passing yards per game with 233.9 while compiling the fourth-most points in team history with 392. Kramer set club records with 29 TD passes (most) and 10 INTs (least among 16-game starters) while standing as the last Chicago QB to start all 16 games in a season. The 1995 squad also produced the third-most total net yards (5,673) and the second-most first downs (340) in team history. The 1,930 rushing yards compiled in 1995 on 492 attempts (3.9 ypc) still stand as the team's highest single-season total since the Bears rushed for 1,949 yards on 502 attempts (3.9 ypc) in 1991. The offense featured a 1,000-yard rusher and two 1,000-yard receivers in 1995, the only such season in team history.

The 28-year coaching vet concluded his Illinois career as the school's fourth-winningest coach, going 35-57 while guiding the Illini to two bowl bids highlighted by a Big Ten championship in 2001 and a BCS Bowl bid to the 2002 Nokia Sugar Bowl. The unanimous 2001 Big Ten Coach of the Year presided over three of the Illini's all-time top five offenses in terms of total yards while four of his eight Illinois squads currently rank in the school's top 10 for scoring, including a school-record 390 points in 2001. Three of the top five all-time leading rushers at Illinois and three of the school's top 10 all-time leading receivers played during the Turner era. There were 20 former Illini who played under Turner on NFL rosters during the 2004 season.

A second-team junior college All-America wide receiver at Diablo Valley Community College, Turner earned a scholarship to the University of the Pacific where he led the Tigers in receiving in 1975 and 1976 and totaled 40 receptions for 666 yards and three touchdowns. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Pacific before earning his first full-time college job coaching running backs and receivers at Arizona (1978-80). Turner moved on to be an assistant at Northwestern (1981-82), Pittsburgh (1983-84), Southern California (1985-87), Texas A&M (1988) and Stanford (1989-91) before earning his first head coaching job at San Jose State (1992).

Turner was born in Martinez, CA. He and his wife, Wendy, have two sons, Morgan and Cameron, and two daughters, Callan and Madison.

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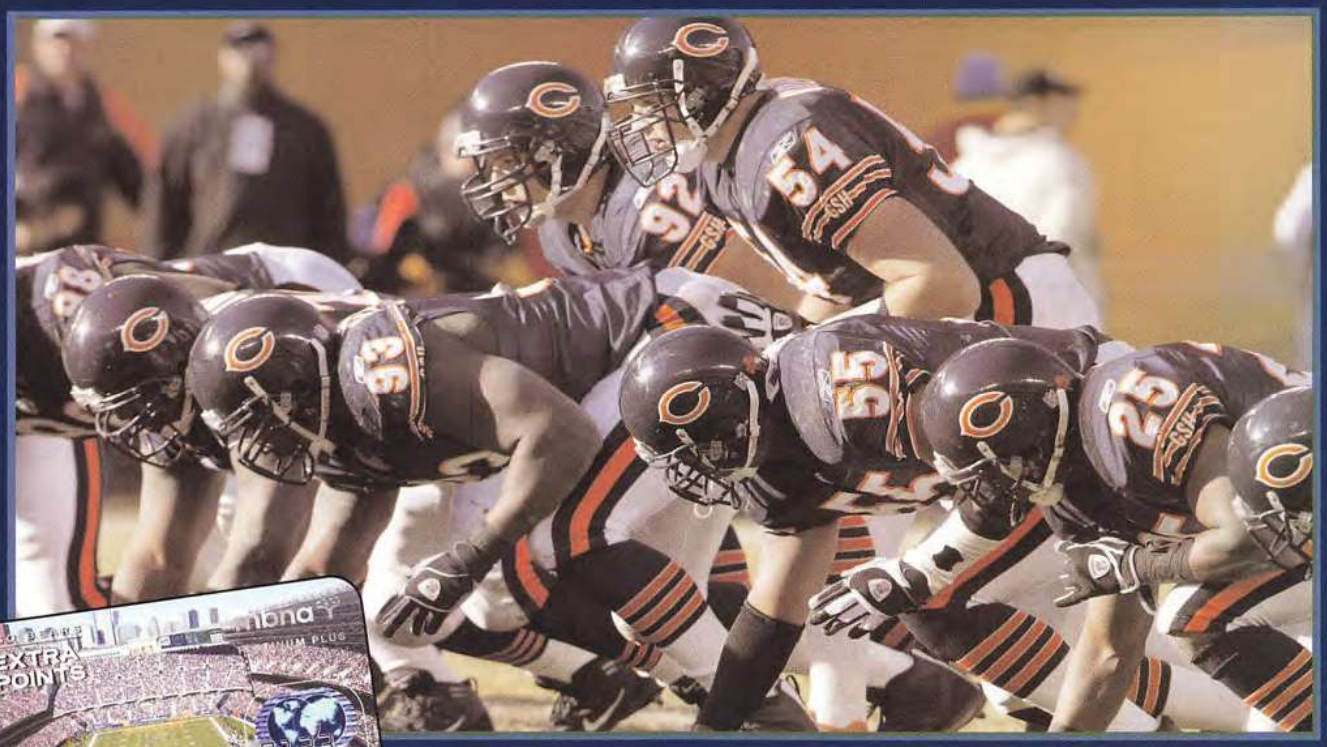

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DAVE TOUB

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

Dave Toub brought a proven special teams plan with him from Philadelphia when he was hired as the Bears special teams coordinator on January 24, 2004, and implemented that plan successfully in his first season in Chicago. Toub is in his second season in his current position with the Bears following three years with the Eagles as an assistant on special teams while also aiding the defensive line.

Chicago finished Toub's first year ranked 10th in the NFL in the composite special teams rankings (as tabulated by the Dallas Morning News). The top-10 ranking marked the second in succession for the Bears and was highlighted by a League-low opponent net punt average which resulted from Chicago's third-ranked punt return unit. Arguably Toub's greatest accomplishment during his first season as an NFL special teams coordinator was molding one of the NFL's top kick coverage units despite losing the four leading special teams tacklers from the previous season. The Bears allowed the eighth-lowest punt return average in the NFL in 2004 and the 14th-lowest kickoff return average while their net punt yard average was the third-highest in the League.

During his stint with Philadelphia (2001-03), Toub helped Eagles special teams coordinator John Harbaugh earn 2001 NFL Special Teams Coach-of-the-Year honors. Twice during Toub's time in Philly (2001, 2003), the Eagles scored out as the top special teams unit in the NFL. A ninth-round draft choice of the Eagles in 1985, Toub returned to Philadelpha 16 years later (2001) as the team's special teams/quality control coach.

Toub spent 15 seasons coaching at the college level before making the jump to the NFL, highlighted by 12 years at Missouri (1989-2000). Toub coached the defensive line for the final three years of his Mizzou stint (1998-2000), spending the previous nine years (1989-98) as the school's head strength and conditioning coach. Toub helped produce three all-Big 12 defensive linemen from 1998-2000, including Justin Smith, a first-round draft pick by Cincinnati in 2001. As the head strength and conditioning coach, Toub was responsible for the training efforts of 18 varsity sports and, in 1998, he was named the Big 12 Conference's strength and conditioning coach of the year. Toub began his coaching career in 1986 at his alma mater, Texas El Paso, as a graduate assistant. One year later he began a two-year stint as the school's head strength and conditioning coach (1987-88).

A native of Mahopac, N.Y., Toub's NFL playing career included training camp stints with the Eagles in 1985 and the Los Angeles Rams in 1986. Toub's career at UTEP included two all-WAC selections and two Academic all-WAC nominations (1983-84). The two-time team captain was also named the program's most outstanding offensive lineman during his junior and senior seasons. Toub earned his bachelor of science and master's of education degrees from UTEP.

Toub and his wife, Cheryl, have one son, Shane, and one daughter, Nicolette.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Pro coach: Chicago Bears (special teams coordinator) 2004-present;
Philadelphia Eagles (assistant special teams/assistant defensive line) 2001-03.
College coach: Missouri (defensive line/strength & conditioning) 1989-2000;
Texas-El Paso (strength & conditioning) 1987-89.

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BOB BABICH

LINEBACKERS COACH

Bob Babich, in his second season as the Bears linebackers coach, was hired on January 17, 2004, after serving in the same capacity for the St. Louis Rams in 2003. Babich was the first coach to join head coach Lovie Smith's new staff in Chicago, following his former defensive coordinator from St. Louis to the Bears. Smith and Babich first worked together in the collegiate ranks at Tulsa (1984-86) where Smith oversaw the linebackers and Babich worked with tight ends and assisted with the offensive line.

The 19-year college coach, in his third year coaching NFL linebackers and ninth year overall at the position, had a successful first year with the Bears and his linebacker corps led by four-time Pro Bowler Brian Urlacher and 2005 Pro Bowl alternate Lance Briggs. His unit greatly contributed to Chicago's improved takeaway total in 2004 and the team-record six defensive touchdowns.

With St. Louis, Babich was part of the Rams 2003 defense which improved six ranking positions in points allowed from 2002 while jumping from 22nd in the NFL to first with 46 takeaways including a League-leading 22 fumble recoveries. St. Louis defenders also ranked fourth in the NFL in sacks in 2003, up from seventh in 2002.

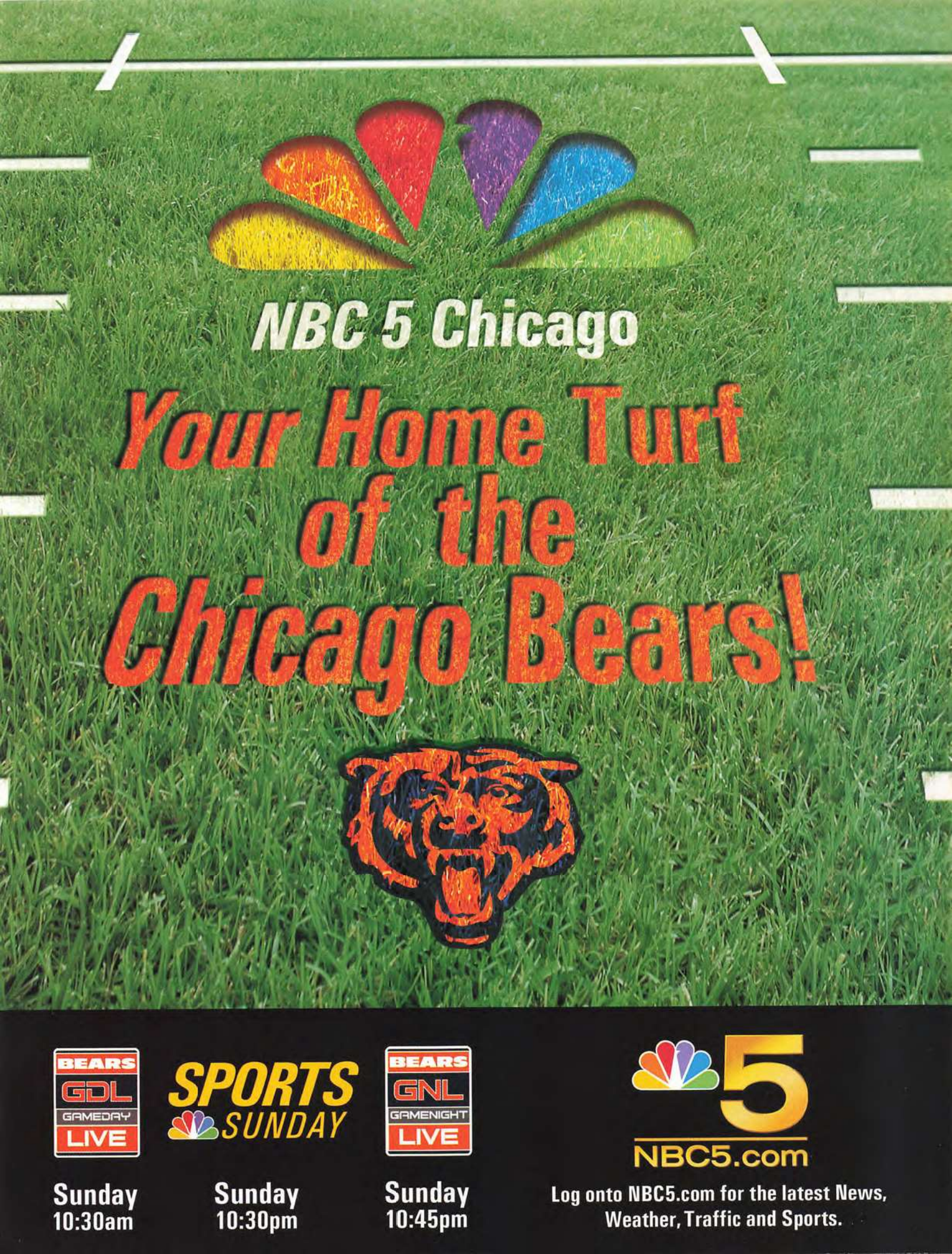
Prior to joining the Rams, Babich spent six seasons as head coach at North Dakota State University (1997-2002). In his first head coaching job, Babich amassed a 46-22 career mark by posting five winning seasons with two NCAA Division II playoff appearances. The Bison were 9-2 in the regular season in his first year in 1997 and 12-1 in 2000, reaching the national semifinals before losing to eventual national champion Delta State. Babich's son, Bobby, played for his dad at NDSU and is in his third season as a starting cornerback for the Bison.

A native of Aliquippa, Pa., Babich served 12 seasons as an assistant coach at the NCAA Division I level at five different schools, most recently instructing linebackers at Pittsburgh (1994-96). Babich began his career as a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater, Tulsa (1984), before being promoted to tight ends coach (1985), assistant offensive line (1986) and strong safeties (1987). Babich was an assistant at Wisconsin for two seasons, one as an assistant offensive line coach (1988) and one as tight ends coach (1989). Babich coached linebackers at Bowling Green (1991) and East Carolina (1992-93) before joining the Panthers in 1994.

Babich and his wife, Nancy, have one son, Bobby, and a daughter, Janie.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Pro Coach: Chicago Bears (linebackers) 2004-present; St. Louis Rams (linebackers) 2003.
College coach: North Dakota State (head coach) 1997-2002; Pittsburgh (linebackers) 1994-96; East Carolina (linebackers) 1992-93; Bowling Green (linebackers) 1991; Tulsa (volunteer assistant coach/offensive line) 1990; Wisconsin (assistant offensive line/tight ends) 1988-89; Tulsa (tight ends/assistant offensive line/strong safeties) 1985-87; Tulsa (graduate assistant) 1984.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ROB BORAS

TIGHT ENDS COACH

Rob Boras is in his second season as the Bears tight ends coach. Boras was hired on February 11, 2004, following five seasons at UNLV (1999-2003) where he was head coach John Robinson's offensive coordinator for three years.

During his tenure with the Rebels, UNLV ranked among the nation's leaders in rushing offense, finishing 15th (2002), 16th (2001) and 13th (2000) in rushing while posting 28 individual 100-yard rushing games in 34 contests by seven different players during a three-year stretch (2000-02).

Prior to being named offensive coordinator, Boras coached the Rebels offensive line (1999-2000), a group which allowed only 12 quarterback sacks in 2001 and opened holes for a 1,000-yard rusher in consecutive seasons for the first time since 1973-74.

Boras, a two-sport high school standout at Glenbard West in Glen Ellyn, spent one season as the head coach (1998) of NCAA Division III Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill., after four seasons at the University of Texas (1994-97).

During his four years with the Longhorns, Boras served as a graduate assistant working with the offensive line (1994), tight ends coach (1995), a special assistant to the team (1996), tight ends coach and assistant special teams coordinator (1997). During his four-year stint in Austin, Texas was Big 12 champions (1996), Southwest Conference champions (1995) and earned trips to the Fiesta Bowl (1996), Sugar Bowl (1995) and Sun Bowl (1994).

Prior to joining the Longhorns, Boras began his coaching career with his alma mater, DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., following his graduation in 1992, spending two seasons as offensive line coach (1992-93).

Boras is married, Amy, and has three children: son Jackson and daughters Abigail and Ainsley.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Pro coach: Chicago Bears (tight ends) 2004-present.

College coach: UNLV (offensive coordinator) 2001-03; UNLV (offensive line) 1999-2000; Benedictine University (head coach) 1998; Texas (assistant offensive line/tight ends/special assistant/assistant special teams coordinator) 1994-97; DePauw University (offensive line) 1992-93.

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CHARLIE COINER

ASSISTANT SPECIAL TEAMS COACH

Charlie Coiner is his fifth season as a member of the Bears coaching staff and second as assistant special teams coach. He originally joined the team on February 12, 2001, as the offensive quality control coach following one season as the offensive coordinator at Texas Southern (2000).

In his current role, Coiner assists special teams coordinator Dave Toub in preparing the game plan, breaking down film and organizing practice drills. During his first three seasons with the Bears, Coiner assisted the offensive coaching staff with a variety of weekly tasks, including preparation of the game plan, breaking down film, running the scout team and working after practice with quarterback Rex Grossman during his rookie season.

Coiner served as the special teams coach and recruiting coordinator at LSU in 1999 and was linebackers coach at Tenn.-Chattanooga in 1998. Prior to his stint at UTC, Coiner was a tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator at Louisville (1995-97).

A native of Waynesboro, Va., Coiner earned his bachelor's degree from Catawba College and master's from Appalachian St. where he began his coaching career as a graduate assistant from 1983-86. From there he moved to Minnesota where he assisted the defensive line and kicking game in 1987.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Pro Coach: Chicago Bears (assistant special teams) 2004-present; Chicago Bears (offensive quality control) 2001-2003.

College coach: Texas Southern (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks/special teams) 2000; LSU (special teams/recruiting coordinator/wide receivers) 1999; Tennessee-Chattanooga (linebackers) 1998; Louisville (tight ends/recruiting coordinator) 1995-97; Texas Southern (offensive line/special teams) 1994; Vanderbilt (special teams/nose guards/recruiting coordinator) 1991-93; Austin Peay (offensive line/special teams/linebackers) 1988-1990; Minnesota (defensive line assistant/kicking game) 1987; Appalachian State (defensive tackles/offensive tackles/tight ends) 1983-86.

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DARRYL DRAKE

WIDE RECEIVERS COACH

Darryl Drake, in his second season as the Bears wide receivers coach, was hired by Chicago on February 6, 2004 as a veteran of 21 seasons as a coach at the collegiate level. Drake was charged with mentoring one of the youngest wide receiver corps in the NFL in his first season with the team and helped two players achieve career-highs in receiving yardage.

Drake joined the Bears after six seasons (1998-2003) as the receivers coach at the University of Texas, adding the title of associate head coach on Mack Brown's Longhorns staff prior to the 2003 season. Drake guided three different Longhorns wide receivers to first-team all-Big 12 honors and directed three of the most productive receiving duos in UT history. He also coached the only 1,000-yard receivers in the school's history.

During Drake's tenure with the Longhorns, Texas averaged nearly 10 wins a season, including 32 wins during the three seasons Drake mentored first-round draft pick Roy Williams, who finished his UT career as the leading receiver in school history with 251 receptions for 4,017 yards (16.0 yards per receptions) and 37 touchdowns. He also coached Wane McGarity, a fourth-round draft pick of the Dallas Cowboys in 1999, and Kwame Cavil who earned second-team All-America and first-team all-Big 12 honors in 1999.

Prior to his time at Texas, Drake spent one season as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Baylor (1997) after five seasons coaching wide receivers at Georgia (1992-96). During his time with the Bulldogs, Drake tutored some of the top receivers in the Southeastern Conference: Andre Hastings, Brice Hunter and NFL Pro Bowler Hines Ward.

Drake began his coaching career at Western Kentucky as a graduate assistant coach (1983-84) and spent nine seasons with the Hilltoppers, working with the wide receivers for four seasons (1985-88), the secondary for two years (1989-90) and was the passing game coordinator/quarterbacks coach for one season (1991). He starred as a wide receiver for WKU in 1975 and during the 1977 and '78 seasons. He helped the Hilltoppers to an 8-2 record and the Ohio Valley Conference Championship as a senior and was a member of their 11-2 OVC Championship squad that played in the NCAA Division II Championship game in '75.

Following his collegiate career, Drake spent time in professional football with the Washington Redskins (1979), Ottawa Roughriders of the Canadian Football League ('81) and Cincinnati Bengals ('83). The Louisville, Ky., native earned his bachelor's (1980) and master's (1984) degrees from Western Kentucky.

Drake was an all-state performer in football and an All-American in both track & field and basketball at Flaget High School in Louisville. He and his wife, Sheila, have three daughters, Shanice, Felisha and Marian.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Pro coach: Chicago Bears (wide receivers) 2004-present.

College coach: Texas (associate head coach/wide receivers) 2003; Texas (wide receivers) 1998-2002; Baylor (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks) 1997; Georgia (wide receivers) 1992-96; Western Kentucky (passing game coordinator/QBs/secondary/wide receivers/graduate assistant) 1983-91.

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PERRY FEWELL

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Seven-year NFL veteran Perry Fewell is in his first season as the Bears defensive backs coach after being hired on January 20, 2005. Fewell spent the previous two seasons as the secondary coach for the St. Louis Rams after serving five seasons in the same position for the Jacksonville Jaguars (1998-2002).

Fewell has coached two Pro Bowlers during his NFL tenure: safety Carnell Lake with Jacksonville in 1999 and safety Aeneas Williams with St. Louis in 2003. In his first season in St. Louis where he coached under then-defensive coordinator Lovie Smith, Fewell helped the Rams tie for fourth in the NFL with 24 interceptions. In Jacksonville, he helped the Jaguars register a franchise-record 19 interceptions in 1999. Fewell has coached in the playoffs in four of his seven NFL seasons.

Prior to advancing to the NFL, Fewell spent 13 seasons as an assistant coach in college. As the secondary coach at Vanderbilt from 1995-97 (assistant head coach/secondary in 1997), Fewell tutored two players who are currently playing in the NFL. Minnesota's Corey Chavous, a 2003 Pro Bowler, finished his career in 1997 with the fourth-most interceptions in Commodores history before being drafted in the second round by Arizona. San Francisco cornerback and returner Jimmy Williams finished his career in 1997 with the seventh-most interceptions all-time at Vandy after beginning his career with one season under Fewell. Originally drafted in the sixth round by Buffalo in 2001, Williams started a career-high six of 12 games played for the 49ers in 2004.

Fewell began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at North Carolina from 1985-86, followed by a season as the defensive backs coach at Army in 1987. He coached wide receivers at Kent State from 1988-91, before returning to Army as the defensive line coach from 1992-94.

A four-year letterwinning defensive back at Lenoir-Rhyne College, Fewell was named the team's most improved player in 1983. He attended South Point High School in Belmont, N.C. and was inducted into the Belmont Sports Hall of Fame in 2001. Fewell and his wife, Kathleen, have one son.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Pro coach: Chicago Bears (defensive backs) 2005-present; St. Louis Rams (secondary) 2003-04; Jacksonville Jaguars (secondary) 1998-2002.

College coach: Vanderbilt (assistant head coach/secondary) 1997; Vanderbilt (secondary) 1995-96; Army (defensive line) 1992-94; Kent State (wide receivers) 1988-91; Army (defensive backs) 1987; North Carolina (graduate assistant) 1985-86.

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HAROLD GOODWIN

ASSISTANT OFFENSIVE LINE COACH

Harold Goodwin, in his second season as the Bears assistant offensive line coach, joined the organization on January 27, 2004, after spending four seasons as the offensive line coach at Central Michigan (2000-03).

With the Bears being forced to start 10 different offensive linemen while starting seven different line combinations in 2004, Goodwin was heavily tested in his first season with the team. Goodwin was charged with helping ready new starters for the lineup while also working with several young offensive line prospects.

Goodwin joined the CMU staff from Eastern Michigan where he spent one season overseeing tight ends and tackles (1998), and one as coach of the offensive line (1999). Goodwin was an offensive lineman for the University of Michigan from 1992-94 before becoming a student assistant for two seasons with the Wolverines. He served as a graduate assistant for Michigan when the Wolverines won the national title in 1997 and worked with an offensive line which featured four future pros (Steve Hutchinson, Seattle; Jon Jansen, Washington; Dave Brandt, Green Bay; Jeff Backus, Detroit). While with Eastern Michigan, Goodwin also worked with future pro L.J. Shelton (Arizona).

Goodwin went to high school in Columbia, S.C., where he earned two letters in basketball and football. He graduated from Michigan in 1996 with a degree in management/communications. Goodwin and his wife, Monica, have two daughters, Kylee and Miya. His brother, Jonathan, is a guard for the New York Jets.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Pro Coach: Chicago Bears (assistant offensive line) 2004-present.
College coach: Central Michigan (offensive line) 2000-03;
Eastern Michigan (tight ends/tackles) 1998-99.

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TORRIAN GRAY

ASSISTANT DEFENSIVE BACKS COACH

Torrian Gray is in his second season as the Bears assistant defensive backs coach after being hired on January 29, 2004. Gray spent the previous two seasons as the defensive backs coach at the University of Connecticut.

In his first year Gray assisted a defense that recorded 29 total takeaways, an increase of nine from the previous season, and set a team record with six defensive touchdowns. Four of those touchdowns were by Bears defensive backs and 14 of the team's 17 interceptions were recorded by defensive backs.

While at UConn, the Huskies defense ranked among the nation's elite despite moving up from NCAA Division I-AA to Division I-A. The UConn defense ranked 36th in total defense (340.0 ypg), 34th in passing defense (201.2 ypg) and 32nd in passing efficiency defense (114.2 rating) in 2003, a season after ranking ninth in passing defense (160.4).

Prior to joining the Huskies staff, Gray spent two seasons (2000-01) at Maine as the defensive backs coach, helping the Black Bears to the second round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs in 2001.

Gray was a three-year starter and an all-American safety at Virginia Tech (1993-96), helping the Hokies earn Big East championships in 1995 and 1996 while earning all-Big East honors for three consecutive seasons (1994, 1995, 1996). Gray was drafted in the second round of the 1997 NFL Draft (49th overall) by the Minnesota Vikings where he started five games as a rookie, including two playoff games. He contributed as a starter in the nickel package and as a special teams player for the remainder of his professional career before retiring in the spring of 2000 due to a knee injury.

Gray has one daughter, Tori.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Pro Coach: Chicago Bears (assistant defensive backs) 2004-present.

College coach: Connecticut (defensive backs) 2002-03; Maine (defensive backs) 2000-01.

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HARRY HIESTAND

OFFENSIVE LINE COACH

Harry Hiestand, in his first season as the Bears offensive line coach, was hired on January 11, 2005, after serving in the same capacity at the University of Illinois the last eight seasons. A 22-year coaching veteran, Hiestand has been coaching offensive linemen and tight ends since 1983, and added the title of assistant head coach of the Fighting Illini in 2000. For the past 16 consecutive seasons, Hiestand has been the offensive line coach at three Division I schools.

During his tenure at Illinois, Hiestand tutored 12 all-Big Ten selections on the offensive line. Every senior starting offensive linemen in Hiestand's first seven years with the Illini was signed to an NFL contract for at least one season. After the 2002 season, seniors Tony Pashos and Dave Diehl were fifth-round picks in the 2003 NFL Draft. In 2004, former Illini Sean Bubin was drafted by Jacksonville and Duke Preston was a fourth-round pick by Buffalo.

Hiestand joined Illinois in 1997 after spending three seasons as the offensive line coach at Missouri (1994-96), helping the Tigers produce the ninth-leading rushing attack in the NCAA with a rushing average of 250.7 yards per game in 1996. In that same season, three of Hiestand's offensive linemen earned all-Big 12 honors. Prior to his stint at Missouri, Hiestand coached the offensive line at Cincinnati for five seasons (1989-93), was the run-game coordinator in 1992 and offensive coordinator in 1993. Hiestand also helped coach the offensive line at Toledo in 1988, was a graduate assistant at Southern California in 1987 and tight ends and assistant offensive line coach at Pennsylvania in 1986.

The Malvern, Pa., native began his coaching career at his alma mater, East Stroudsburg University, after an injury ended his playing career. Hiestand played two years at Springfield College before spending one season at East Stroudsburg. Of his seven previous coaching stops, Hiestand has been a part of a league championship team at five of those: East Stroudsburg (1982-82), Penn (1986), USC (1987), Cincinnati (1993) and Illinois (2001). He was also on the Trojan staff for the 1988 Rose Bowl.

Hiestand earned his bachelor's degree in health and physical education from East Stroudsburg in 1983. He and his wife, Terri, have three sons, Michael, Matthew and Mark, and one daughter, Sarah.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Pro Coach: Chicago Bears (offensive line) 2005-present.

College coach: Illinois (assistant head coach/offensive line) 2000-04; Illinois (offensive line) 1997-99; Missouri (offensive line) 1994-96; Cincinnati (offensive coordinator/offensive line) 1989-93; Toledo (offensive line/tight ends) 1988-89; Southern California (graduate assistant) 1987-88; Pennsylvania (tight ends) 1986-87; East Stroudsburg (offensive line) 1983-85; East Stroudsburg (student assistant) 1981-82.

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DON JOHNSON

DEFENSIVE LINE COACH

Don Johnson, in his first season as the Bears defensive line coach, was hired on February 16, 2005, following five seasons at UCLA. Johnson served as the Bruins defensive line coach from 2001-04 and recruiting coordinator in 2004.

Johnson spent 18 seasons coaching at the collegiate level. Led by 2003 ABC-Chevrolet National Defensive Player-of-the-Year, defensive end Dave Ball, Johnson had three linemen invited to the NFL combine in 2004. He tutored several all-conference players during his tenure with the Bruins which began with one year as the interior defensive line coach in 2000.

Prior to his stint at UCLA, the New Jersey native coached defensive ends and the punt return unit at Nevada-Reno from 1995-99. The Wolfpack won three conference titles and made two bowl appearances during his tenure. While at UNR, Johnson spent two offseasons in the NFL minority coaching internship program with the San Francisco 49ers under then-head coach Steve Mariucci.

He spent eight years coaching at two different colleges in southern California. He began his college coaching career in 1987 as an assistant at Riverside Community College where he helped guide the team to four bowl appearances and a Junior College national championship in 1989, posting an 11-0 record. He spent two years at Cal State Fullerton from 1991-92 before the school dropped the football program then returned to Riverside for two seasons.

Johnson began his coaching career at Santa Ana (CA) Valley High School from 1977 to 1982 and then returned to coach linebackers at his alma mater, Jersey City State, for two years (1984-85). He went back to coach at Valley High in 1986 before moving up to Riverside College.

Johnson spent 25 years as a high school and college basketball official, including eight years at the Division I level. He spent four years as President of the Orange County (CA) Basketball Officials Association and two years as President of the California Basketball Officials Association. He and his wife, Deborah, have two daughters, Denise and Leanna, and one son, Don, Jr. A fourth, son Duane, died in an automobile accident in February of 2002.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Pro Coach: Chicago Bears (defensive line) 2005-present.

College coach: UCLA (defensive line/recruiting coordinator) 2004; UCLA (defensive line) 2001-03; UCLA (interior defensive line) 2000; Nevada-Reno (defensive ends/punt return) 1995-99; Riverside Community College (offensive line/offensive coordinator) 1987-90, 93-94; Cal State-Fullerton (offensive line) 1991-92; Jersey City State (linebackers) 1984-85.

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TIM SPENCER

RUNNING BACKS COACH

Tim Spencer, in his second season as the Bears running backs coach, was named to his current position on January 27, 2004 following 10 seasons of tutoring the ball carriers at his alma mater of the Ohio State University. Spencer was the position coach for Maurice Clarett during the Buckeyes national championship season in 2002 and Eddie George during his Heisman Trophy-winning season of 1995.

Spencer was part of three Big Ten championship teams (1996, 1998, 2003) as a coach at OSU and was part of an offensive attack which led the Big Ten in scoring offense and total offense three of his 10 seasons (1995, 1996, 1998). Including Clarett (1) and George (2), he produced 1,000-yard rushers six times during his 10-year tenure (Pepe Pearson, 1; Michael Wiley, 1; and Jonathan Wells, 1) including George's school single-season record of 1,927 yards in 1995.

Spencer brought that success with him to the NFL in his first season as he helped Thomas Jones establishing career-highs in rushing yards, 52 shy of his first 1,000-yard season, and receptions, setting a Bears single-season record for a running back with 56. Jones accounted for 36 percent of Chicago offensive yardage output while leading the team with a career-high seven touchdowns. Fullback Bryan Johnson also had a career season under Spencer's tutelage, setting a career-high with two touchdown catches to tie for the team lead.

A running back at Ohio State from 1979-1982, Spencer was the second player taken in the 1983 USFL draft where he played one year each for Chicago (1983), Arizona (1984) and Memphis (1985) before signing with the San Diego Chargers (1985-90) where he was a four-year starter at fullback. He returned to Ohio State in 1993 after retiring from professional football to finish his degree requirements and was named to John Cooper's coaching staff prior to the 1994 season.

The Buckeyes' starting fullback as a sophomore, he moved to tailback his final two years and led the team in rushing both of those seasons. He closed out his career with 3,553 yards rushing and still ranks third on OSU's all-time rushing list, trailing only Heisman Trophy winners Archie Griffin (5,589) and George (3,768).

Spencer was the Buckeyes' co-captain and MVP as a senior. He also was MVP of the 1982 Holiday Bowl, rushing for 167 yards and two touchdowns in the Buckeyes' 47-17 win over Brigham Young. During his four years at Ohio State, the Buckeyes posted a combined record of 38-10 and played in four bowl games, including the 1980 Rose Bowl. Spencer and his wife, Gilda, have two sons, Cole (19) and Evan (12).

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Pro Coach: Chicago Bears (running backs) 2004-present.
College coach: Ohio State (running backs) 1994-2003.

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WADE WILSON

QUARTERBACKS COACH

Wade Wilson is in his second season as the Bears quarterbacks coach. The 23-year NFL veteran was named to his current position on February 9, 2004. Prior to joining the Bears, Wilson spent three seasons (2000-02) in the same role for the Dallas Cowboys following a 19-year playing career, which is surpassed by only seven other players in the history of the League (George Blanda, 26; Morten Andersen and Gary Anderson, 23; Earl Morrall, 21; Jim Marshall, Jackie Slater and Darrell Green, 20).

Wilson's first season with Chicago was marked by four quarterbacks starting at least three games for the Bears. Rex Grossman opened the season as the starter, but was lost for the year due to injury in the third game. Veteran Jonathan Quinn was called on to make the next three starts, but indifferent results led to the accelerated insertion of rookie Craig Krenzel. The fifth-round draft pick performed well and won his first three starts, but a season-ending injury in his fifth start led to Chad Hutchinson being made the starter for the last five games. Hutchinson's ascension marked the second time in Wilson's coaching career that he had to prep four different signal-callers to start in a single season. He previously did so in his second season with Dallas (2001) when the Cowboys had four different starting quarterbacks in a single season for the first time in their history.

Wilson's first season with the Cowboys coincided with veteran QB Troy Aikman's final year with the team. Wilson was called upon to prep four different quarterbacks for game action when Aikman started 11 games but was forced to miss five starts and parts of three other games with injuries. The four QBs in a season were a Dallas franchise record as Randall Cunningham relieved Aikman on two occasions and started three games, while Clint Stoerner and Anthony Wright also saw action under center during the 2000 season.

Drafted in the eighth round (210th overall) of the 1981 NFL Draft by the Minnesota Vikings, the future Pro Bowler (1988) led the Vikings to three playoff appearances in 11 seasons (1981-91) including the 1987 NFC Championship game. Wilson also spent time with the Atlanta Falcons (1992), New Orleans Saints (1993-94), Dallas Cowboys (1995-97) and Oakland Raiders (1998-99). He served as Aikman's backup on the Cowboys Super Bowl XXX championship team in 1995.

Wilson completed his pro career with a 75.6 quarterback rating, completing 1,391 passes on 2,428 attempts for 17,283 yards. In 1988 (with Minnesota) he led the NFC with a 91.5 quarterback rating, completing 204 of 332 passes (61.4%) for 2,746 yards, 15 touchdowns and nine interceptions. His 61.4 percent completion rate led the NFL that season.

Wilson was a four-year letterman and three-year starter at East Texas State University, where he earned NAIA All-America and Lone Star Conference MVP honors as a senior while leading the conference in passing and total offense, completing 338 of 668 passes for 4,414 yards and 32 touchdowns during his four years with the Lions.

Wilson majored in business management at ETSU, and has his real estate license and his SEC-series seven registration. He has four children; Travis Wade, Hayden, and twins Coleton and Sophie.

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MIKE BAJAKIAN

OFFENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL COACH

Mike Bajakian (buh-JAKE-ee-un) is in his second season as the Bears offensive quality control coach. Hired on January 23, 2004, Bajakian spent the previous two seasons as the quarterbacks coach at Central Michigan University. Prior to his time at CMU, Bajakian assisted with quarterbacks as a graduate assistant at the University of Michigan (2000-02) after spending six months as the quarterbacks coach at Sacred Heart University (Fairfield, Conn.). Bajakian earned his first college coaching experience at Rutgers (1998-99) as a graduate assistant in the defensive backfield. The River Vale, N.J., native played quarterback and was a captain at Williams College (Mass.) where he earned a bachelor's degree in history in 1996. Bajakian began his coaching career as an assistant at Delbarton High School in Morristown, N.J., where he was a math teacher. He was born August 4, 1974 in River Vale, N.J. and is married to Michelene.

LLOYD LEE

DEFENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL COACH

Lloyd Lee, in his second season as the Bears defensive quality control coach, was hired on January 23, 2004, following three seasons as a pro scout with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. While at Tampa Bay, Lee assisted the pro personnel department in the recruiting and signing of NFL free agents as well as scouting and compiling reports on free agents and players on the Buccaneers roster. A native of Bloomington, Minn., Lee originally entered the NFL as a college free agent with the San Diego Chargers in 1998. Lee spent time on the Chargers roster and practice squad during the 1998 and 1999 seasons. He was a four-year starter at safety at Dartmouth College (1994-98), earning Division I-AA All-America honors and was an all-ECAC selection while helping lead Dartmouth to an undefeated season and Ivy League Championship in 1996. Lee, who was born August 10, 1976, in Minneapolis, Minn., is married to Katy.

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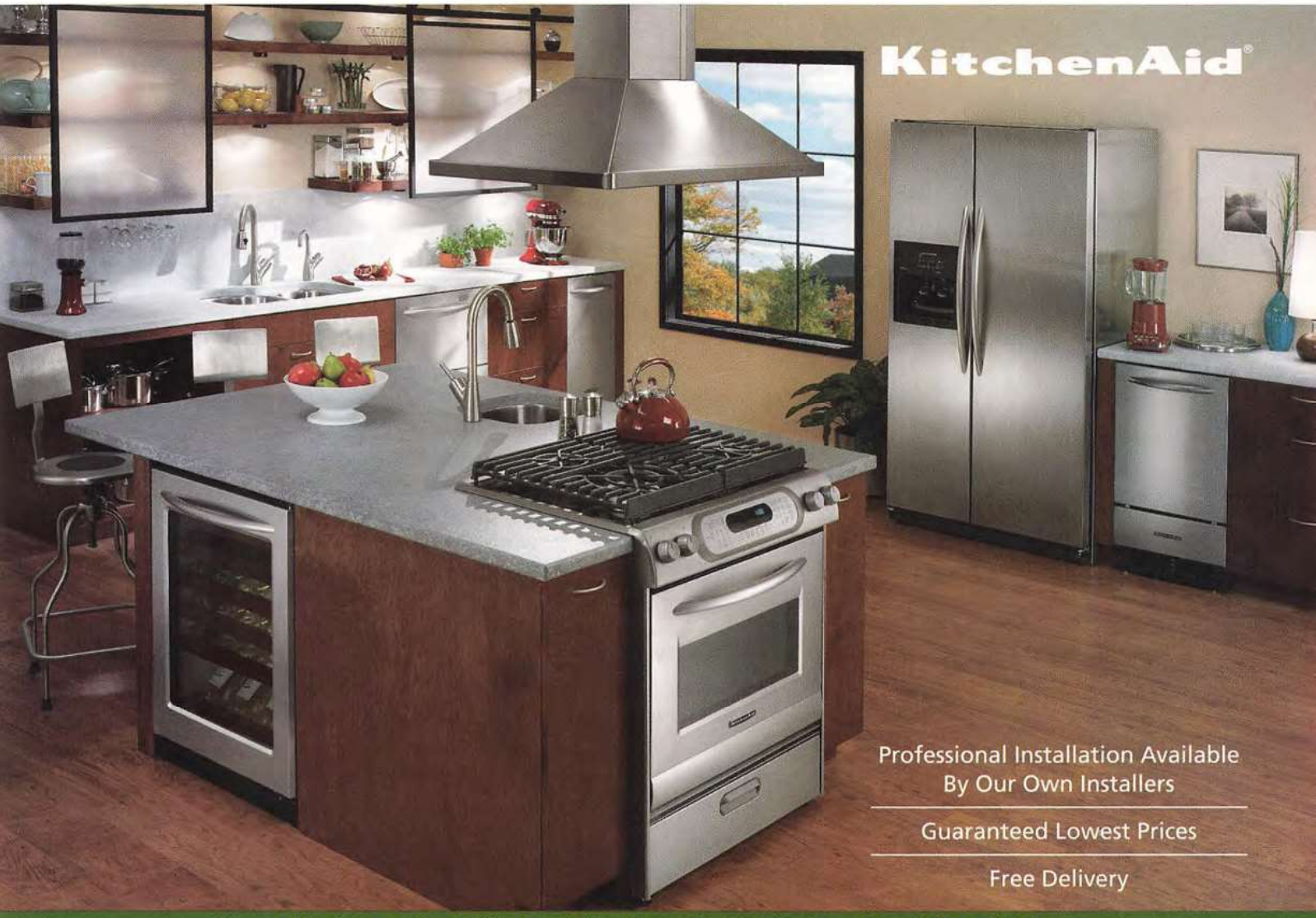

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RUSTY JONES

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COORDINATOR

A veteran of 20 NFL seasons, Rusty Jones was hired as the Bears strength and conditioning coordinator on February 3, 2005. Coming to Chicago from Buffalo, Jones is just the third full-time strength coach in team history since the position was created in 1974.

Jones had spent his entire NFL career with the Buffalo Bills after being hired in June of 1985. He spent 19 years as their strength and conditioning coordinator before being promoted to director of physical development/assistant to the head coach prior to the 2004 season.

During his tenure in Buffalo, Jones worked under six head coaches including Hall of Famer Marv Levy and worked with over 25 different Pro Bowlers including Hall of Famers Jim Kelly and James Lofton. The Bills qualified for the playoffs in 10 of Jones' 20 seasons with the team, including four consecutive Super Bowl appearances.

Recognized around the NFL as one of the finest strength, conditioning and nutrition experts in the business, Jones was instrumental in creating a nutritional program specifically designed for each Bills player to maximize performance and to maintain year-round health. Jones gained league-wide notoriety for getting Buffalo's players in top physical condition while the Bills enjoyed success running the "no-huddle" offense in the early 1990's. Prior to joining the Bills in June of 1985, Jones spent two years as the conditioning supervisor for the DeBartolo Corporation, working in Pittsburgh with the Penguins, Spirit and Maulers (1983-84).

Jones earned a physical education degree from Springfield College (Mass.) and taught for two years at Dover High School in New Hampshire. The native of Berwick, Maine and Noble High School returned to Springfield to earn a master's degree in exercise physiology (1979-82), serving as a graduate assistant with the football program during that time.

Jones and his wife, Sharon, have one son, Tyler. Sharon is a professional singer who often performed the national anthem at Bills games.

JIM ARTHUR

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING ASSISTANT

Jim Arthur enters his first season as an assistant strength and conditioning coach with the Bears after spending three seasons as an intern with the Buffalo Bills. He makes the move to Chicago with his Buffalo mentor, Rusty Jones, who joined the Bears organization in 2005 after 20 years with the Bills. Arthur will assist Jones with implementing and overseeing the team's strength, conditioning, speed, agility and nutritional programs. He will also perform flexibility enhancing techniques, measure and evaluate player body composition while educating the athletes on proper nutritional guidelines, including hydration and muscle glycogen repletion.

Arthur began his coaching career at his alma mater, Springfield College (MA), working as a student assistant until his graduation in 2000, then as a graduate assistant where he earned his Master of Education in Applied Exercise Science in 2002. He interned at Louisiana Tech University during the summer of 2001 and at Boston College while finishing his master's degree in 2002 before joining the Bills.

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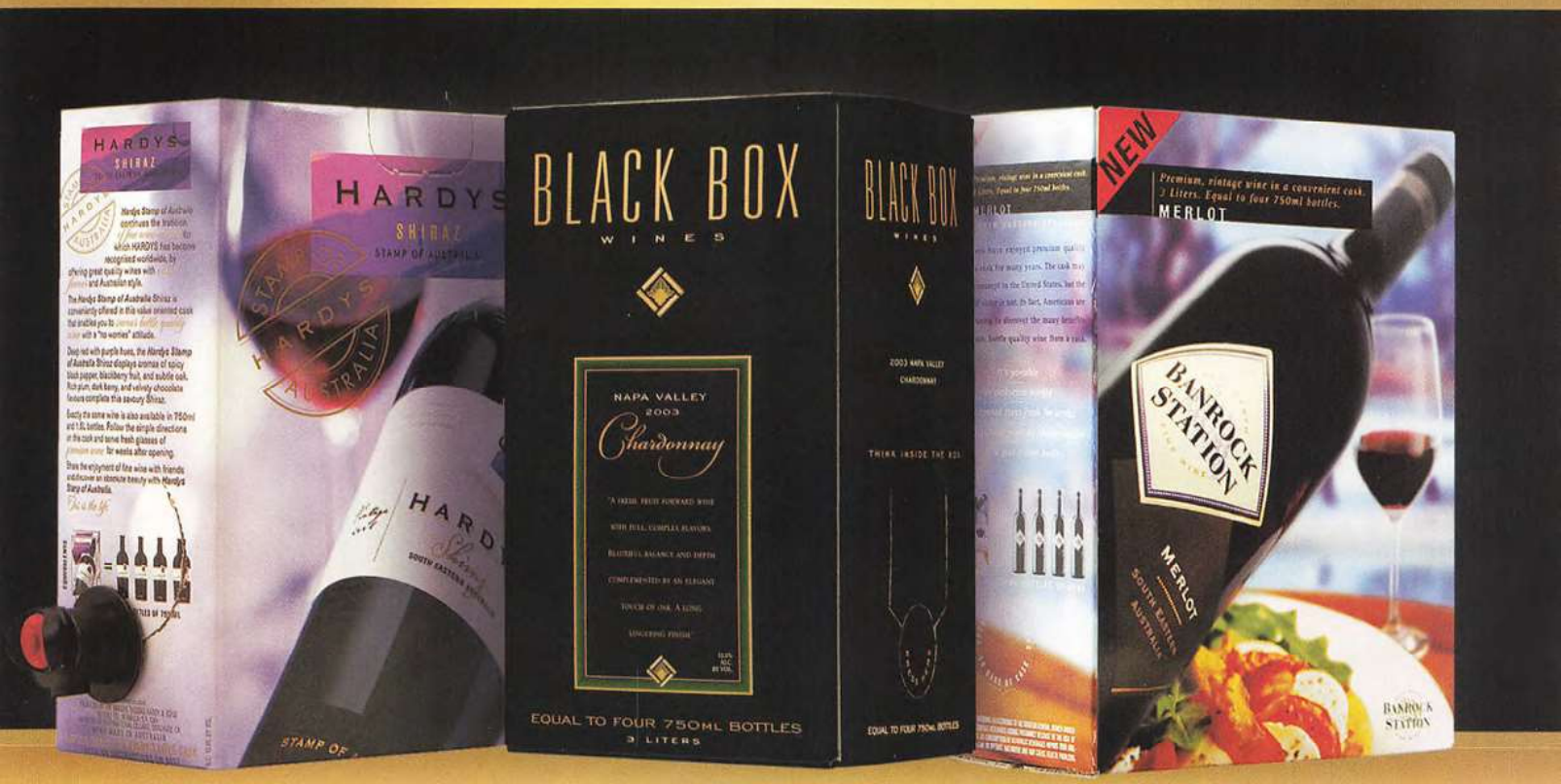

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BOBBY DEPAUL

DIRECTOR OF PRO PERSONNEL

Bobby DePaul is in his fifth season as the Bears director of pro personnel, joining the organization prior to its 2001 NFC Central Division championship. Hired on June 19, 2001, the 16-year NFL veteran came to Chicago after serving as a member of the Philadelphia Eagles player personnel department for four years following an eight-year career as an NFL assistant coach.

DePaul evaluates players in the professional ranks, prepares the club for its acquisitions through free agency or the waiver wire and manages the advance scouting of Bears opponents. In addition to supervising the pro personnel department, DePaul has a hand in day-to-day football operations, assisting with salary cap maintenance, contract negotiations and overseeing the development of scouting football systems technology.

DePaul entered the NFL in 1989, hired by former Bears defensive back Richie Petitbon as a member of Joe Gibbs' coaching staff at Washington where he stayed until 1993 after winning an NFL championship with the Redskins' Super Bowl XXVI victory over Buffalo. The Bowie, Md., native then served on the Bengals coaching staff for three seasons before joining the Eagles as a scout.

Born on January 24, 1963, DePaul attended Archbishop John Carroll High School in Washington, D.C., where he played fullback and linebacker on a team that lost only once during his three-year varsity career. DePaul attended the University of Maryland and played linebacker on three Atlantic Coast Conference champion Terrapin squads and made four bowl appearances under former Detroit Lions head coach and current Army head coach Bobby Ross. Bobby and his wife, Lisa, have two daughters, Ariel (12) and Ashley (10).

GREG GABRIEL

DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE PERSONNEL

Greg Gabriel is in his fifth season of coordinating the team's college scouting operations, helping the Bears prepare for the last four NFL drafts. Gabriel's first three drafts yielded 21 players who played multiple games with Chicago in 2004, including six opening-day starters. Gabriel joined the Bears on June 19, 2001, after serving as the Director of Player Development for the New York Giants. The Buffalo native joined the Giants scouting department during the 1985 offseason and went to three Super Bowls with the Giants--winning two. Prior to entering football, Gabriel was an account executive with Prudential-Bach and Dean Witter Reynolds while working part-time in the scouting department of the Buffalo Bills.

In his current role with the Bears, Gabriel schedules scouting visits, coordinates the college scouting system, evaluates collegiate players and plays an instrumental role in the development of draft board and the draft itself.

A native of Buffalo, Gabriel prepped at Bishop Neumann High School in Williamsville, N.Y. He was a running back at Canisius College for three seasons while earning a B.S. degree. Gabriel played eight seasons for the Twin City Geminis, a semi-pro team in the Buffalo area where he also coached the running backs and special teams for one season.

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Gabriel was married following the 2004 NFL Draft (Robin) and has three daughters (Liza, Ryan and Kelsey), three stepchildren (sons Ryan and Nolan and daughter Emily) and two grandchildren (Jordan and Herman).

TIM BREAM

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

Tim Bream (brame) is in his 13th season with the Bears and ninth as head athletic trainer. Prior to joining the Bears, Bream spent 10 years as a collegiate athletic trainer at Syracuse (1984-86), Vanderbilt (1986-88) and Richmond (1988-92) before joining the Bears as an assistant athletic trainer.

Bream also worked on the medical staff of the 1992 Winter Olympics and one summer (1981) as an intern with the Detroit Lions. He serves as treasurer for the Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society and is a member of executive advisory board for Orthaepedic Association of Kankakee and Athletico Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine.

Born in Gettysburg, Pa., Bream is a graduate of Penn State and earned a masters from West Virginia University. He is married (Lisa) and has two daughters (Rebecca, 14 and Elizabeth, 10). In his free time, Bream helps coach his daughter's basketball, soccer and softball teams.

TONY MEDLIN

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Tony Medlin is in his 19th season with Chicago and ninth as the Bears head equipment manager. Following the 2000 season he earned the Whitey Zimmerman award as the NFL's top equipment manager. Medlin joined the Bears as an assistant equipment manager in June of 1987.

Before moving to Chicago, Medlin served as the athletic equipment manager at North Carolina Central University from 1982-87. He is a graduate from NCCU with a BS degree in therapeutic recreation. Along with his career in the NFL, Medlin is actively involved in numerous charitable endeavors including the Chicago Bears Coat Drive, "Say No to Drugs" campaign and American Cancer Society. His brother (Ron) is the head athletic trainer for the Atlanta Falcons.

Medlin, born Feb. 10, 1960, is married (Chandra) and has one daughter (Brandy).

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DEAN POPE

DIRECTOR OF VIDEO SERVICES

Dean Pope is in his 12th season of leading the Chicago Bears video services and his 20th season with the organization overall. Pope was promoted to his current position in January of 1994 after serving eight years as assistant director of video services.

With Pope at the helm, Chicago's video department pioneered the use of digital video editing in the NFL over the 1994 season. Pope began his Bears career as an intern in 1986, helping the team with the transition from film to video. His department is responsible for taping practices and games, editing tape for coaches and players and setting up video viewing stations on road trips.

A graduate of University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a degree in communications, he was born in Platteville, Wisconsin.

2005 BEARS SCHEDULE

						BEARS	Opponent
Sunday	September	11	@ Washington Redskins	Noon	FOX		
Sunday	**September**	**18**	**DETROIT LIONS**	**Noon**	**FOX**		
Sunday	**September**	**25**	**CINCINNATI BENGALS**	**Noon**	**CBS**		
Sunday	October	2	Bye				
Sunday	October	9	@ Cleveland Browns	Noon	FOX		
Sunday	**October**	**16**	**MINNESOTA VIKINGS**	**Noon**	**FOX**		
Sunday	**October**	**23**	**BALTIMORE RAVENS**	**3:15pm**	**CBS**		
Sunday	October	30	@ Detroit Lions	Noon	FOX		
Sunday	November	6	@ New Orleans Saints	Noon	FOX		
Sunday	**November**	**13**	**SAN FRANCISCO 49ers**	**Noon**	**FOX**		
Sunday	**November**	**20**	**CAROLINA PANTHERS**	**Noon**	**FOX**		
Sunday	November	27	@ Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Noon	FOX		
Sunday	**December**	**4**	**GREEN BAY PACKERS**	**Noon**	**FOX**		
Sunday	December	11	@ Pittsburgh Steelers	Noon	FOX		
Sunday	**December**	**18**	**ATLANTA FALCONS**	**7:30pm**	**ESPN**		
Sunday	December	25	@ Green Bay Packers	4:00pm	FOX		
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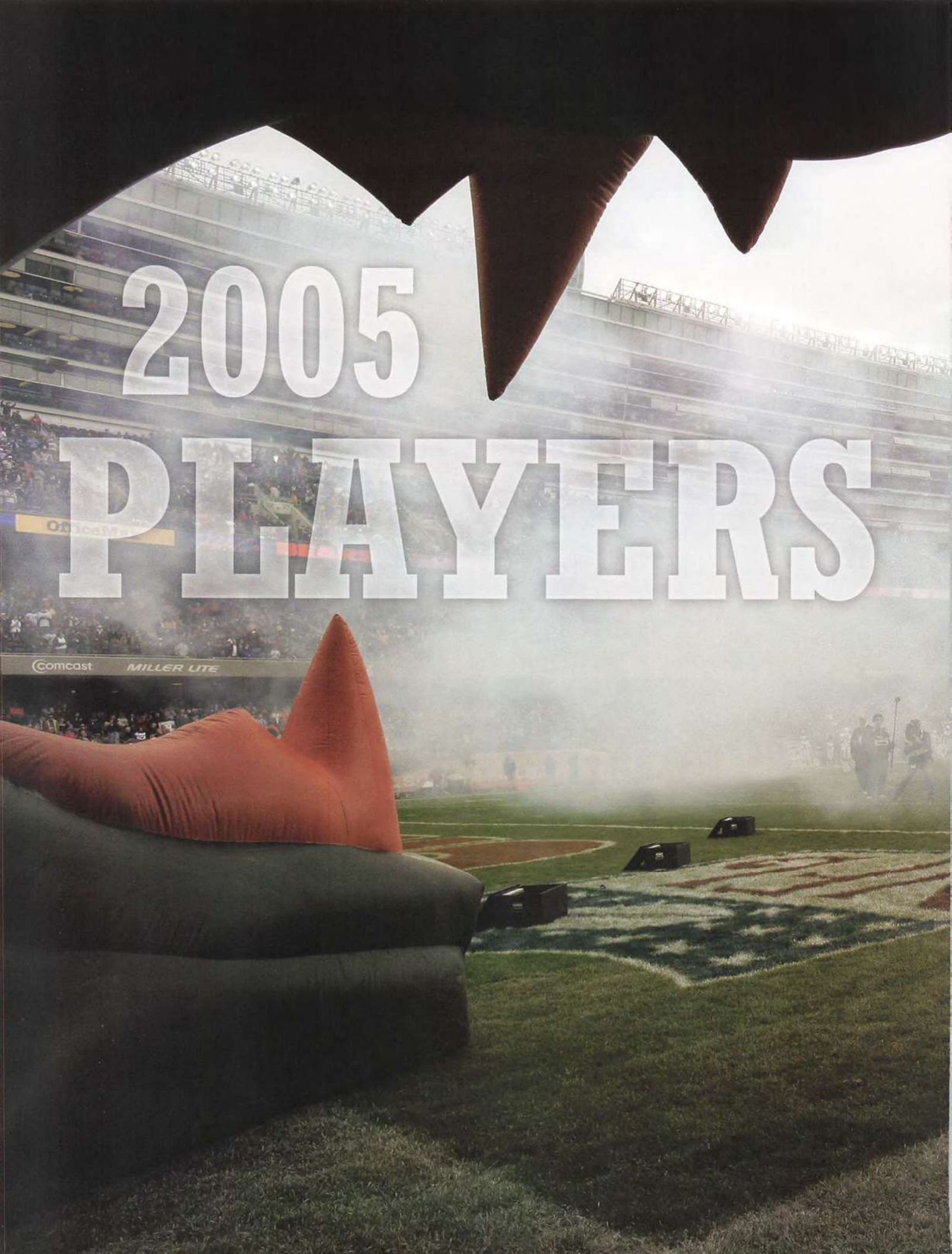
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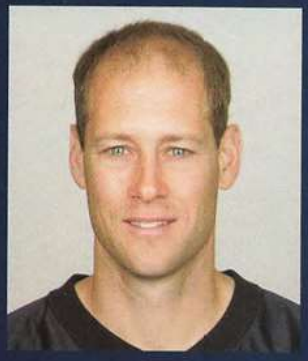

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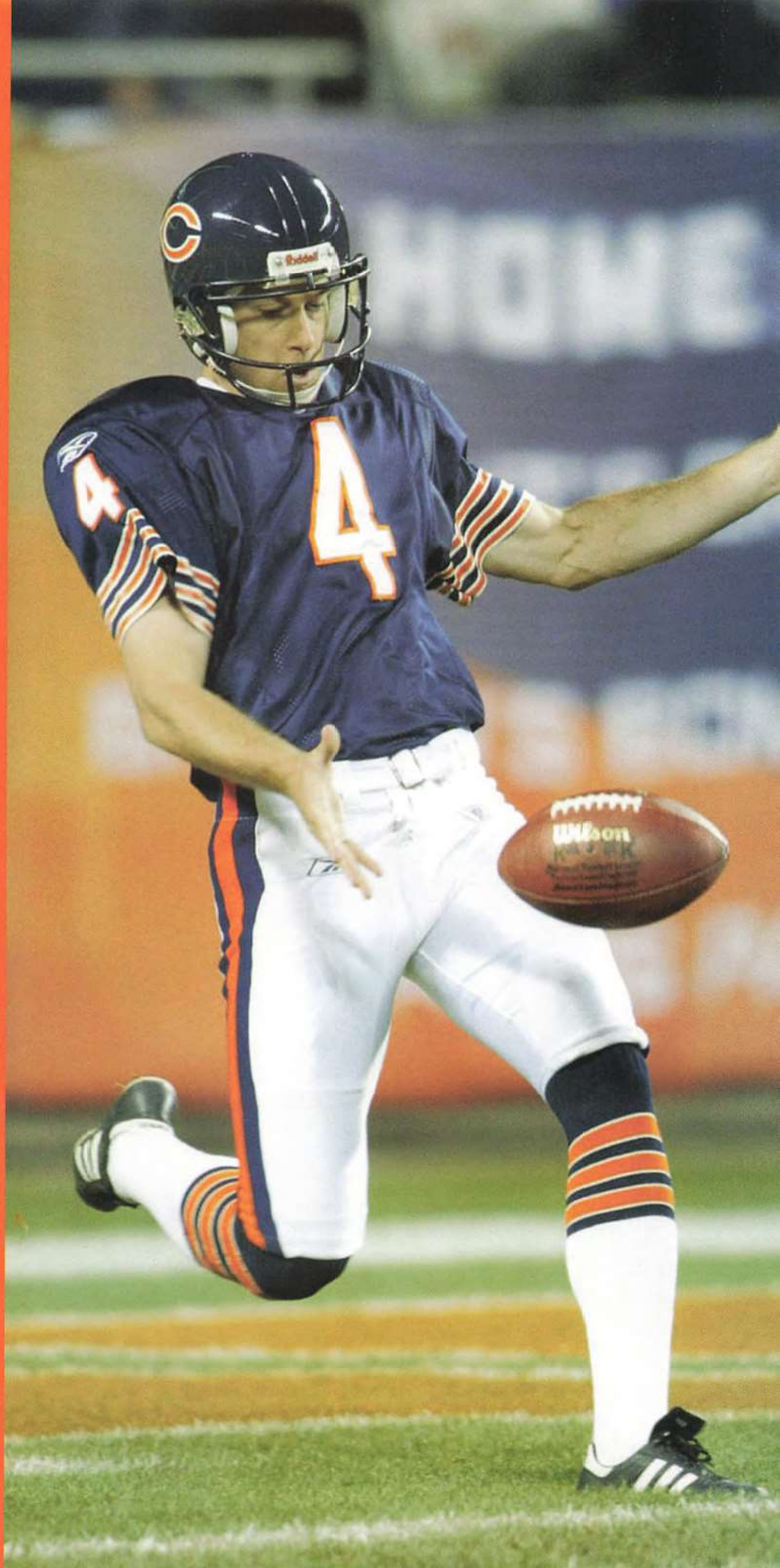
Punter

Height: 6′ 1″
Weight: 186
Age: 31
College: Ball State
Seasons with Bears: 5
Seasons with NFL: 9

Quick Hits:
An avid wine collector, Brad owns over 600 bottles, primarily California Cabernets.



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REX GROSSMAN

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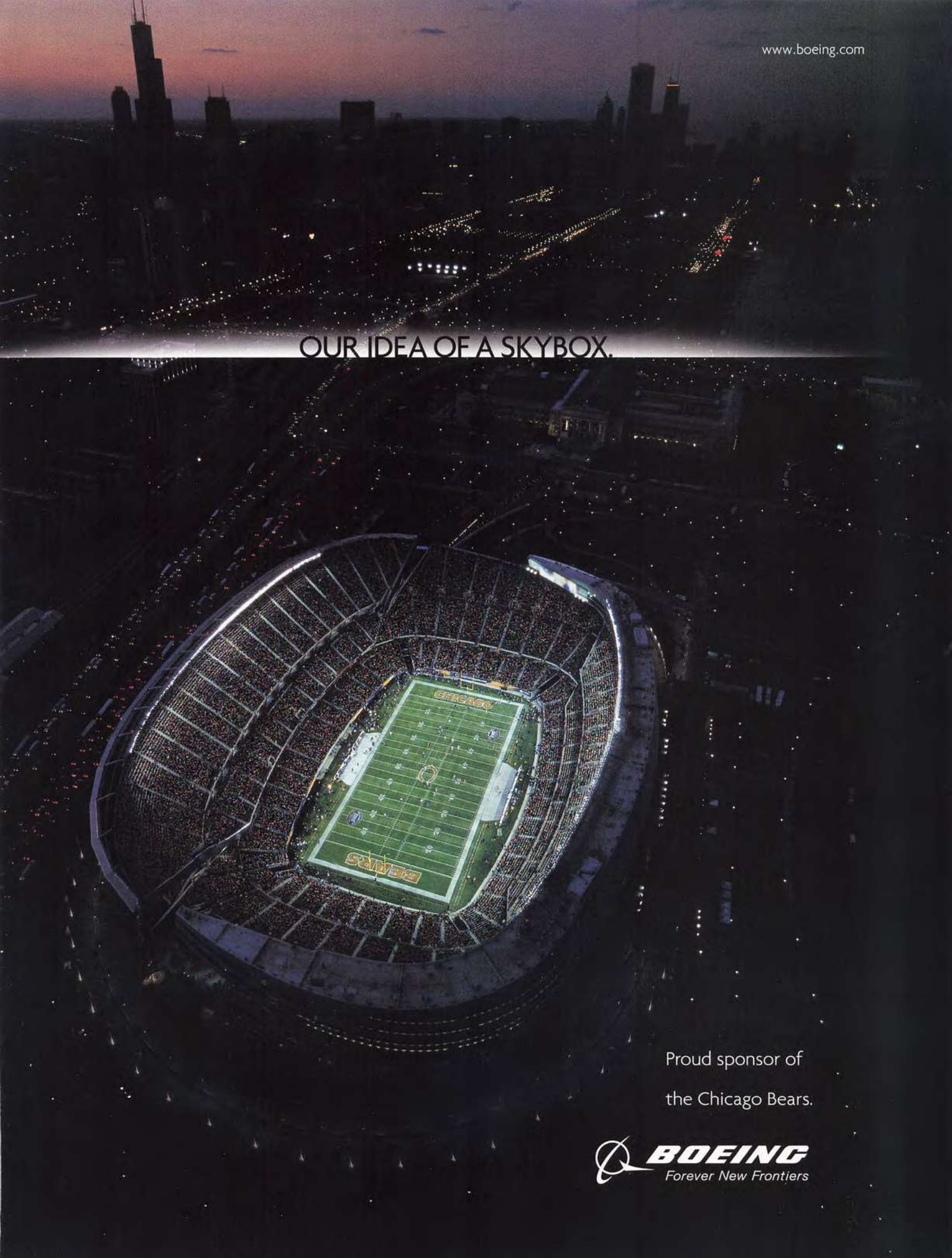
Quarterback

Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 217
Age: 24
College: Florida
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 3

Quick Hits:
Rex's grandfather, also named Rex Grossman, was a linebacker and kicker with the Baltimore Colts in 1947-48.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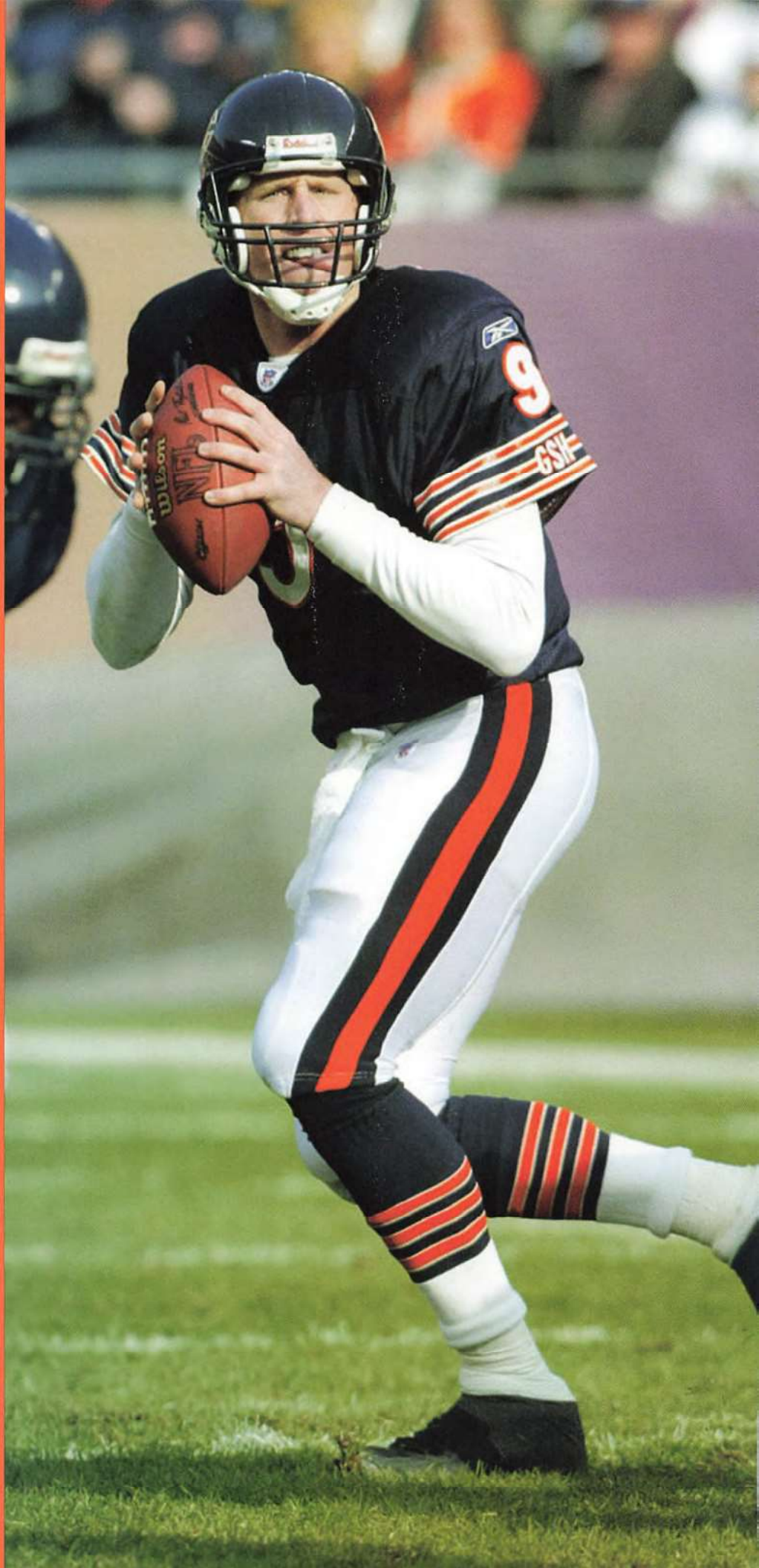
CHAD HUTCHINSON

9

Quarterback

Height: 6′ 4″
Weight: 225
Age: 28
College: Stanford
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 4

Quick Hits:
As a Stanford baseball player, Chad threw a rain-shortened five-inning no-hitter against Fresno State in 1998.



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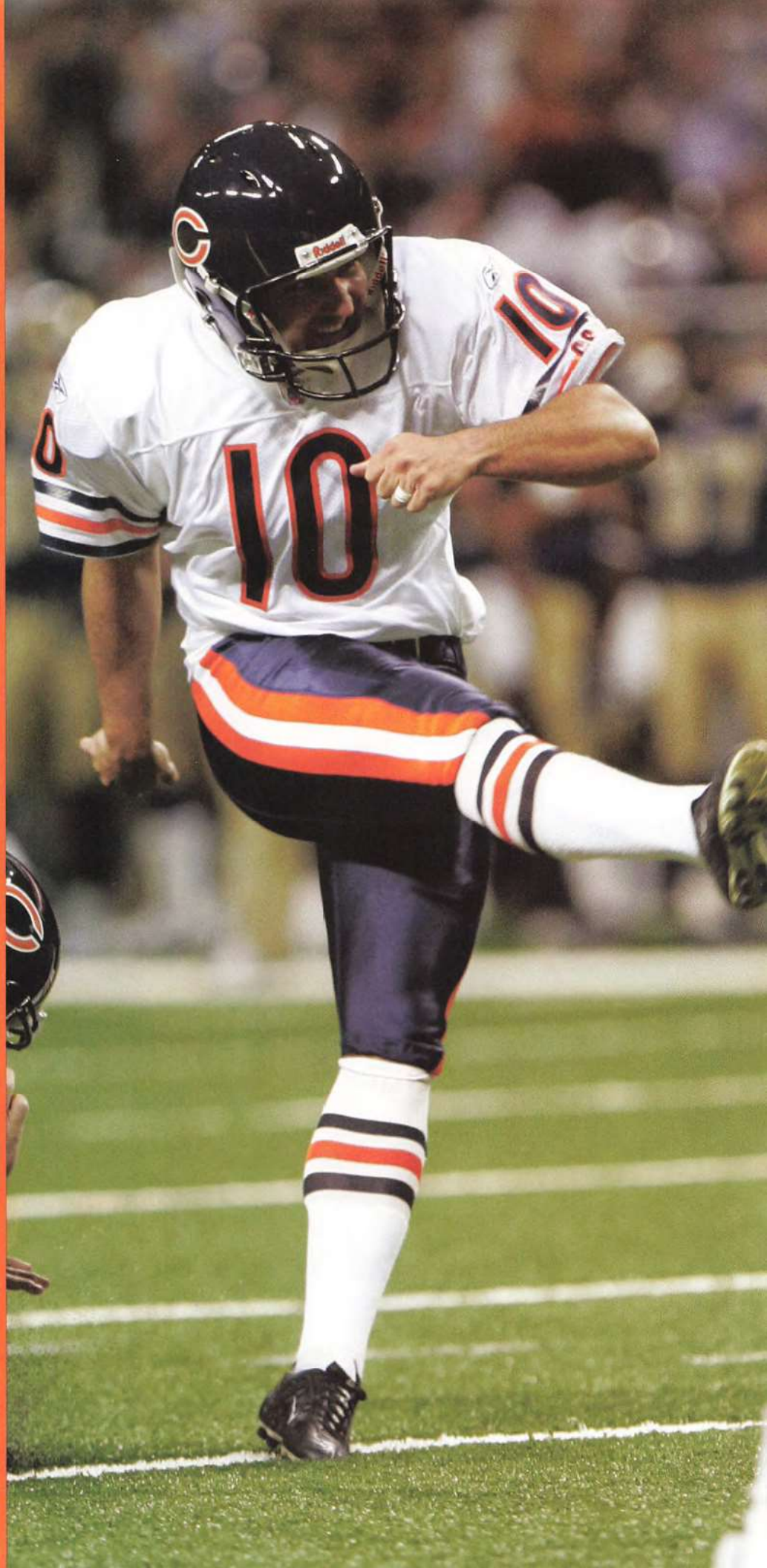
DOUG BRIEN

10

Kicker

Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 190
Age: 34
College: California
Seasons with Bears: 1
Seasons with NFL: 12

Quick Hits:
As a rookie in 1994, Doug won a Super Bowl ring with the San Francisco 49ers.



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JEFF BLAKE

11

Quarterback

Height: 6′ 1″
Weight: 233
Age: 34
College: East Carolina
Seasons with Bears: 1
Seasons with NFL: 14

Quick Hits:
Jeff's godfather is White Sox first base coach and former major league outfielder Tim Raines.

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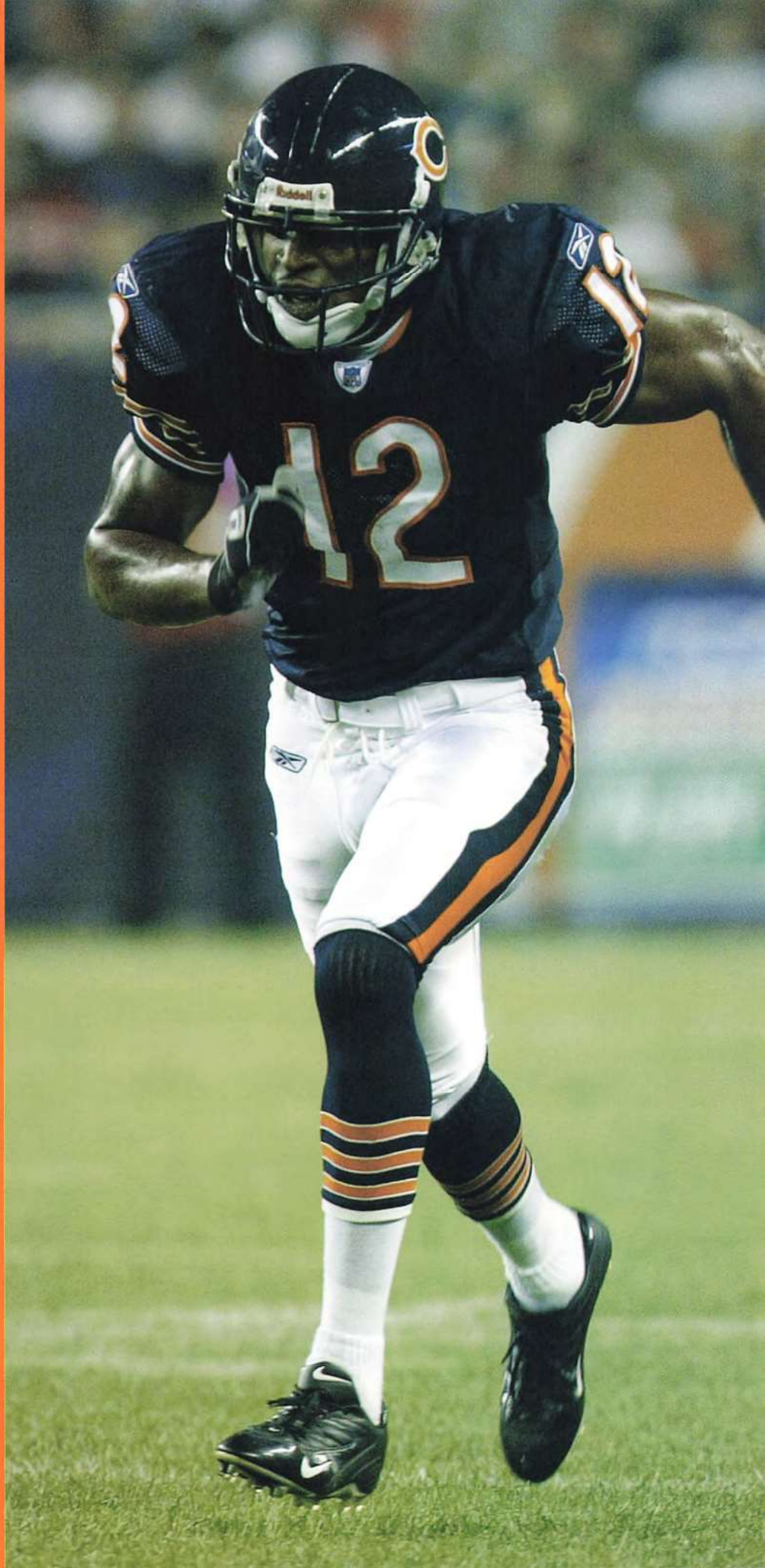
JUSTIN GAGE

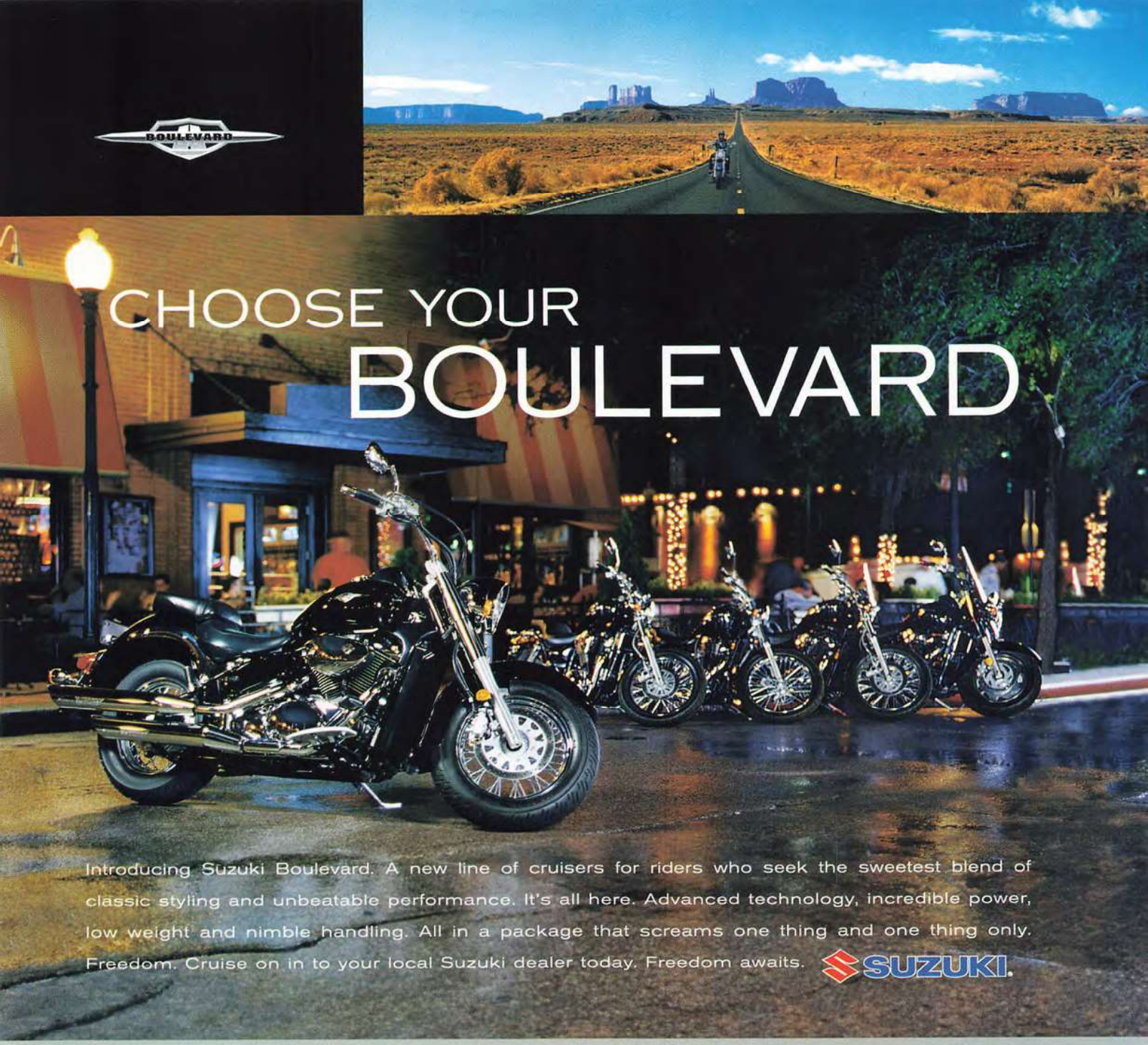
12

Wide Receiver

Height: 6′ 4″
Weight: 212
Age: 24
College: Missouri
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 3

Quick Hits:
Justin's father, Al Gage, played tight end for the University of Indiana team that won the 1968 Rose Bowl.





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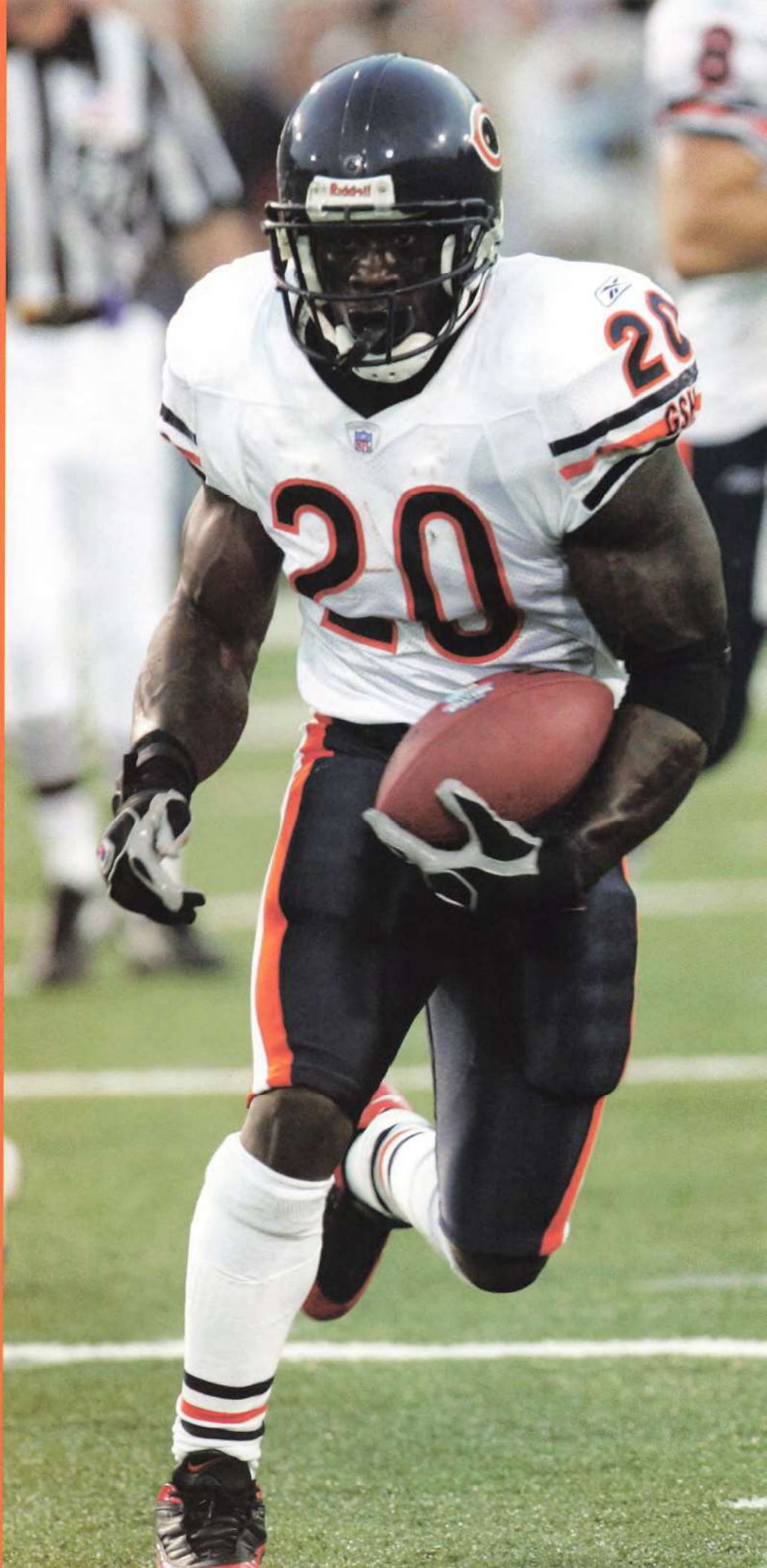
THOMAS JONES

20

Running Back

Height: 5′ 10″
Weight: 220
Age: 26
College: Virginia
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 6

Quick Hits:
Thomas was chosen with the seventh pick in the 2000 draft by the Arizona Cardinals, two spots ahead of Brian Urlacher.



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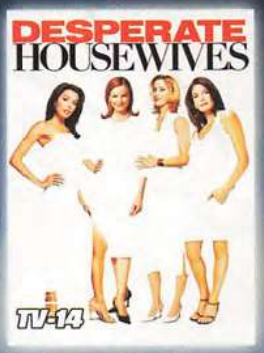

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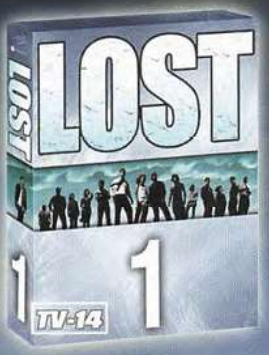

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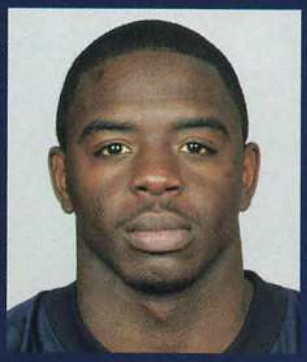
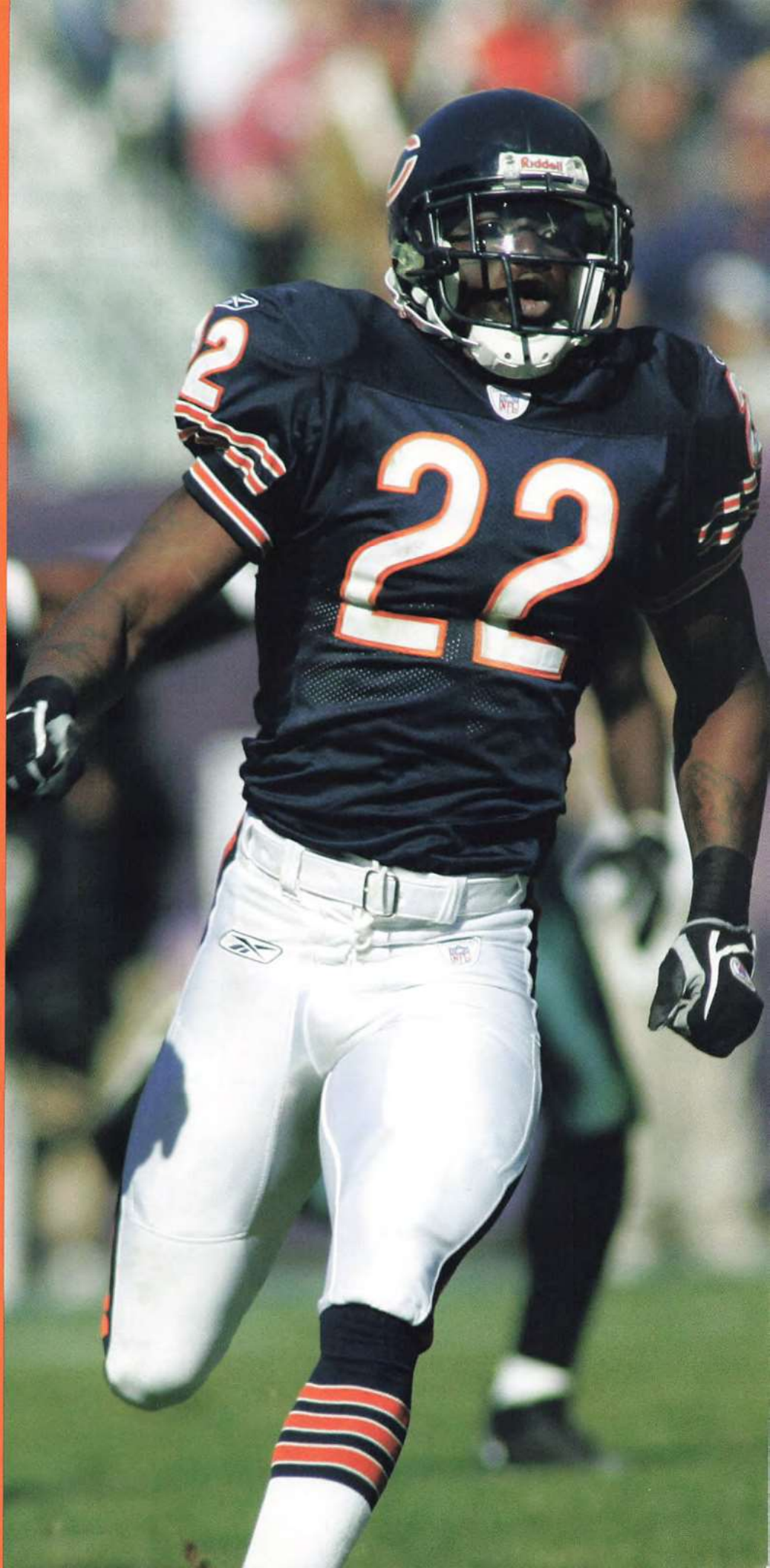


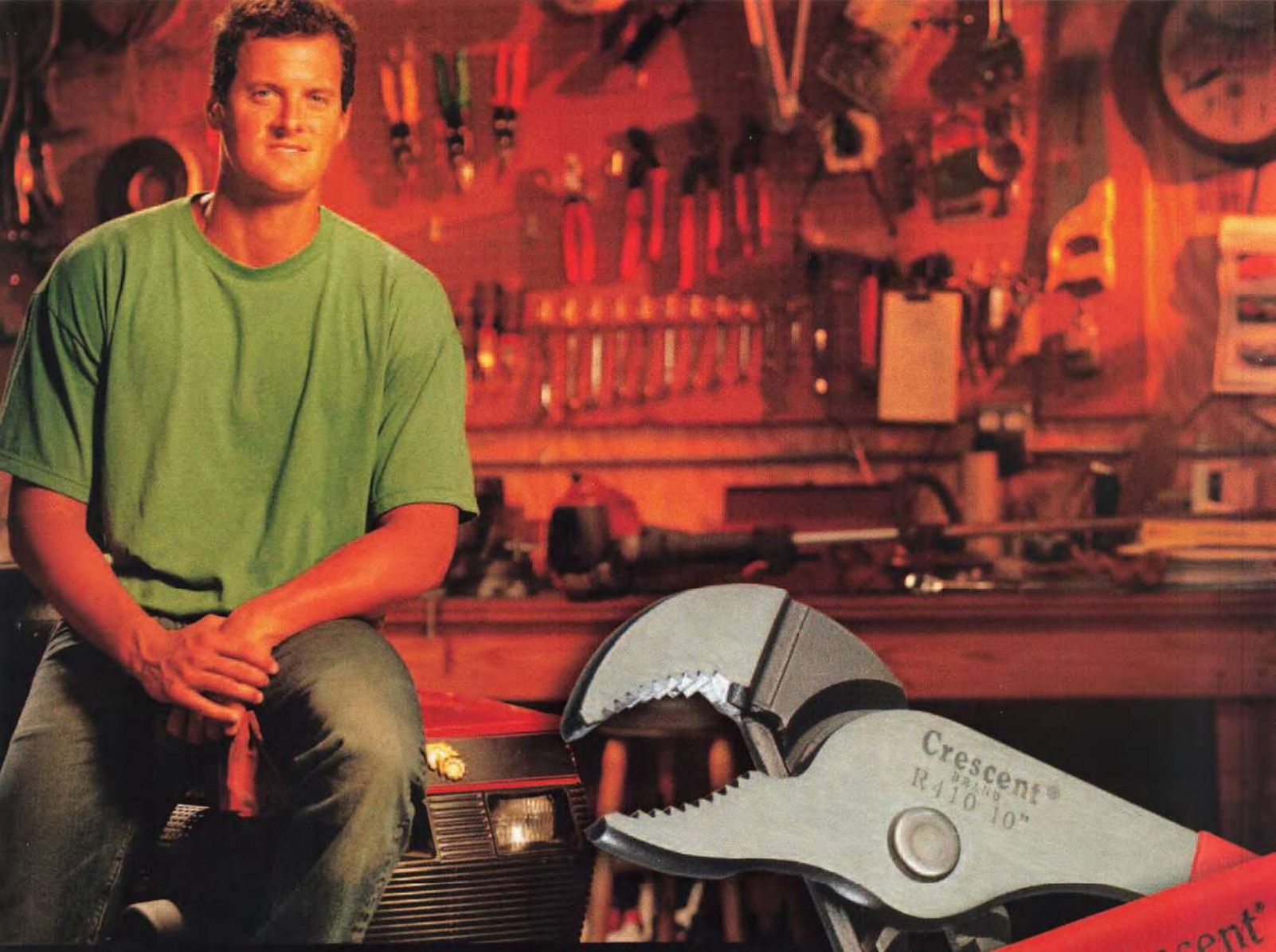
22

Cornerback

Height: 6′ 0″
Weight: 188
Age: 24
College: Miami (FL)
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 2

Quick Hits:
As a high school junior, Alfonso won Florida state track championships in the 200 and 400 meter races.





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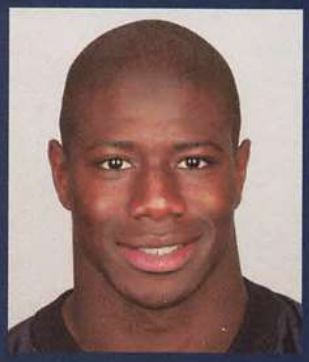
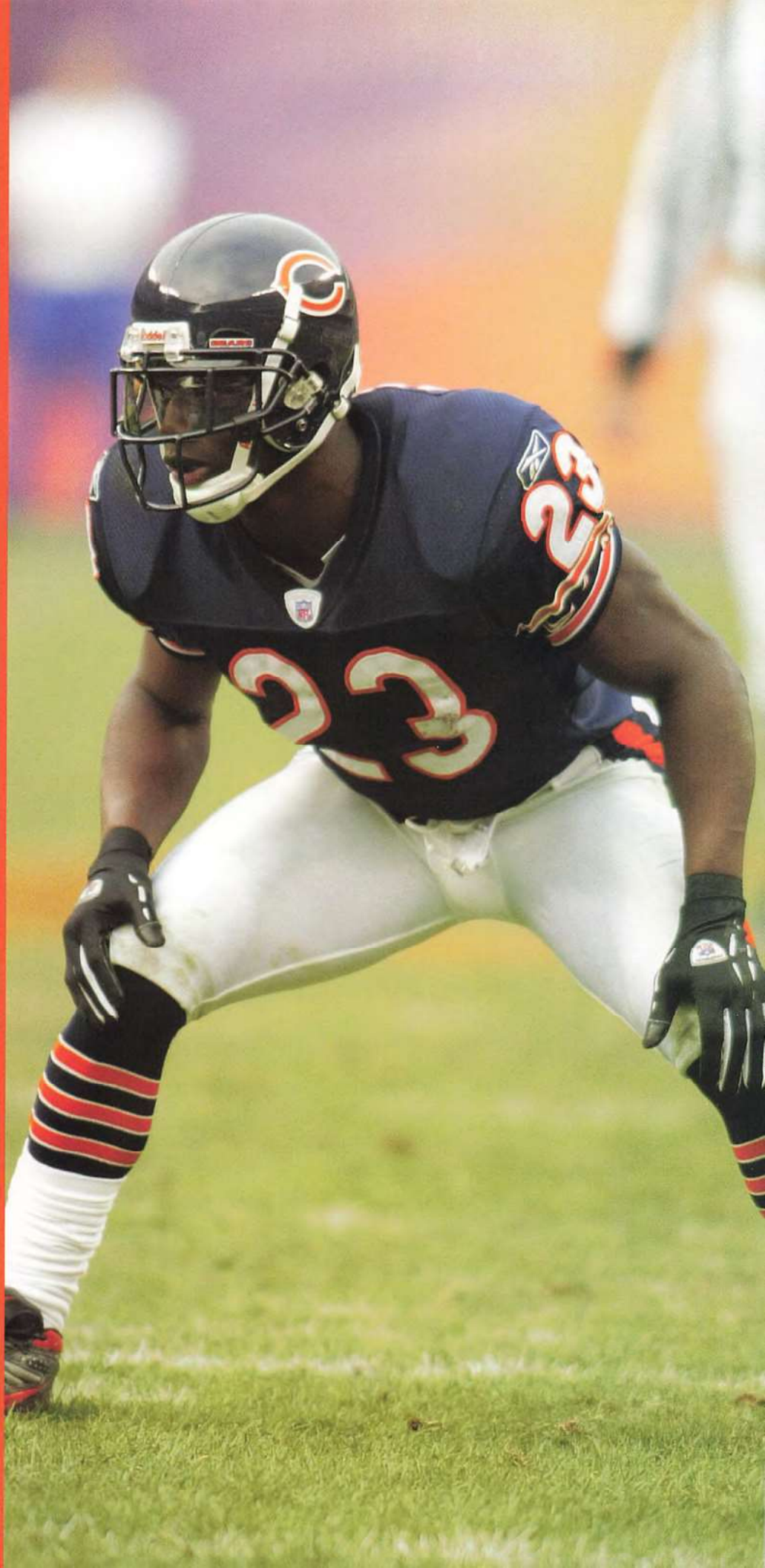


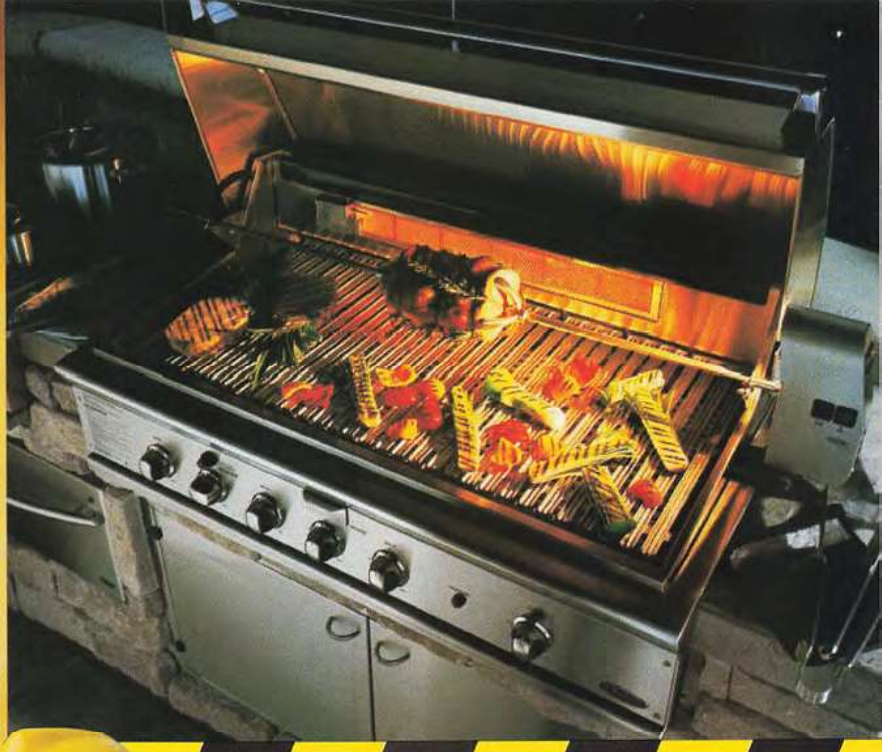
23

Cornerback

Height: 5′ 10″
Weight: 192
Age: 27
College: New Hampshire
Seasons with Bears: 7
Seasons with NFL: 7

Quick Hits:
Jerry won the Walter Payton Award as the top player in NCAA Division I-AA football following his senior year at New Hampshire.





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CAMERON WORRELL

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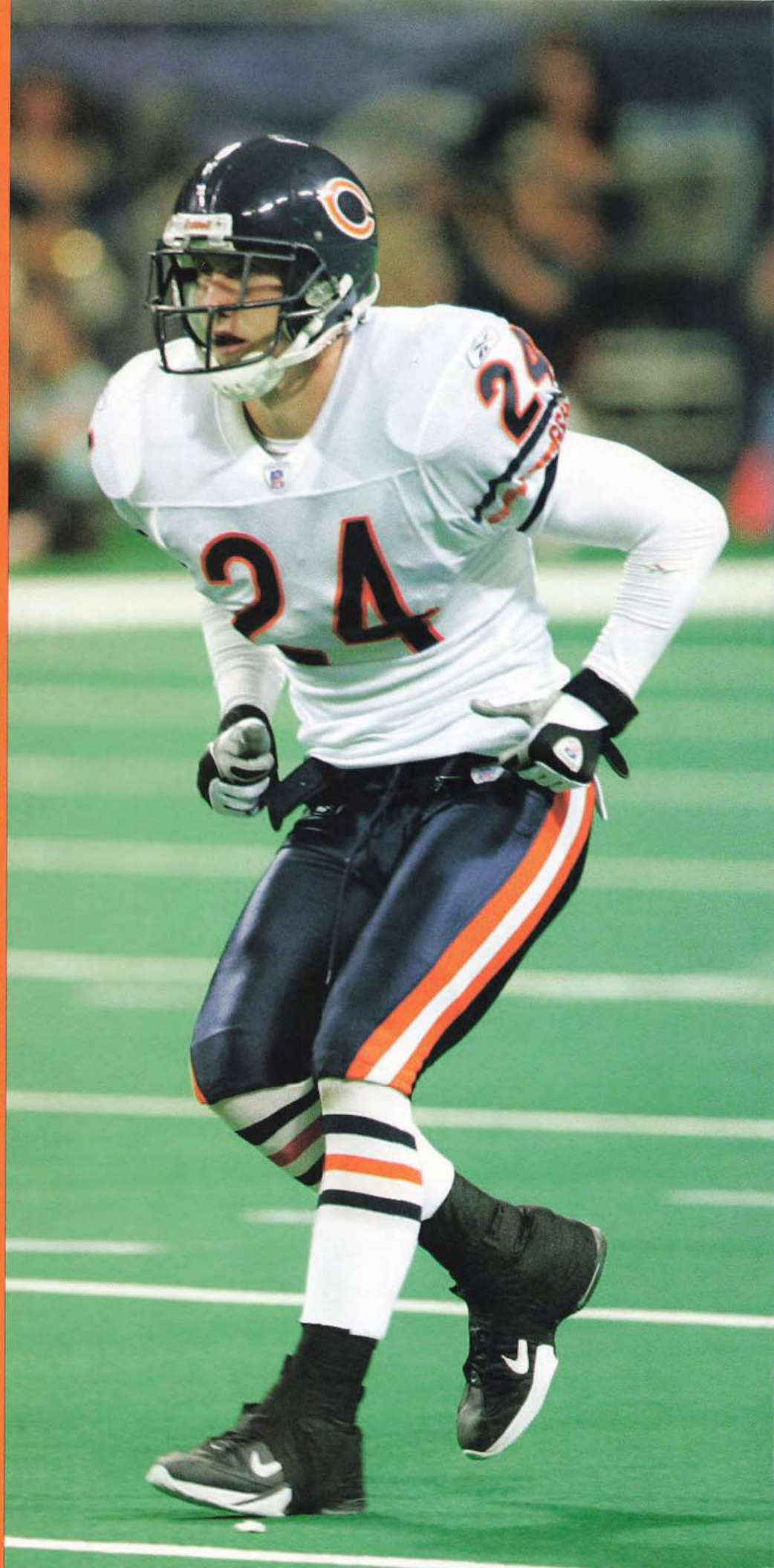
Safety

Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 194
Age: 25
College: Fresno State
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 3

Quick Hits:
Cameron was the only undrafted rookie free agent to make the Bears' 53-man roster out of training camp in 2003.



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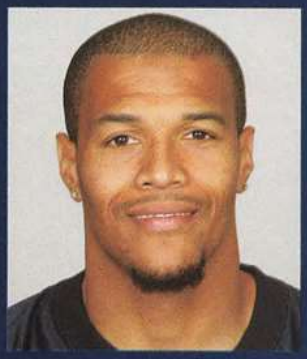
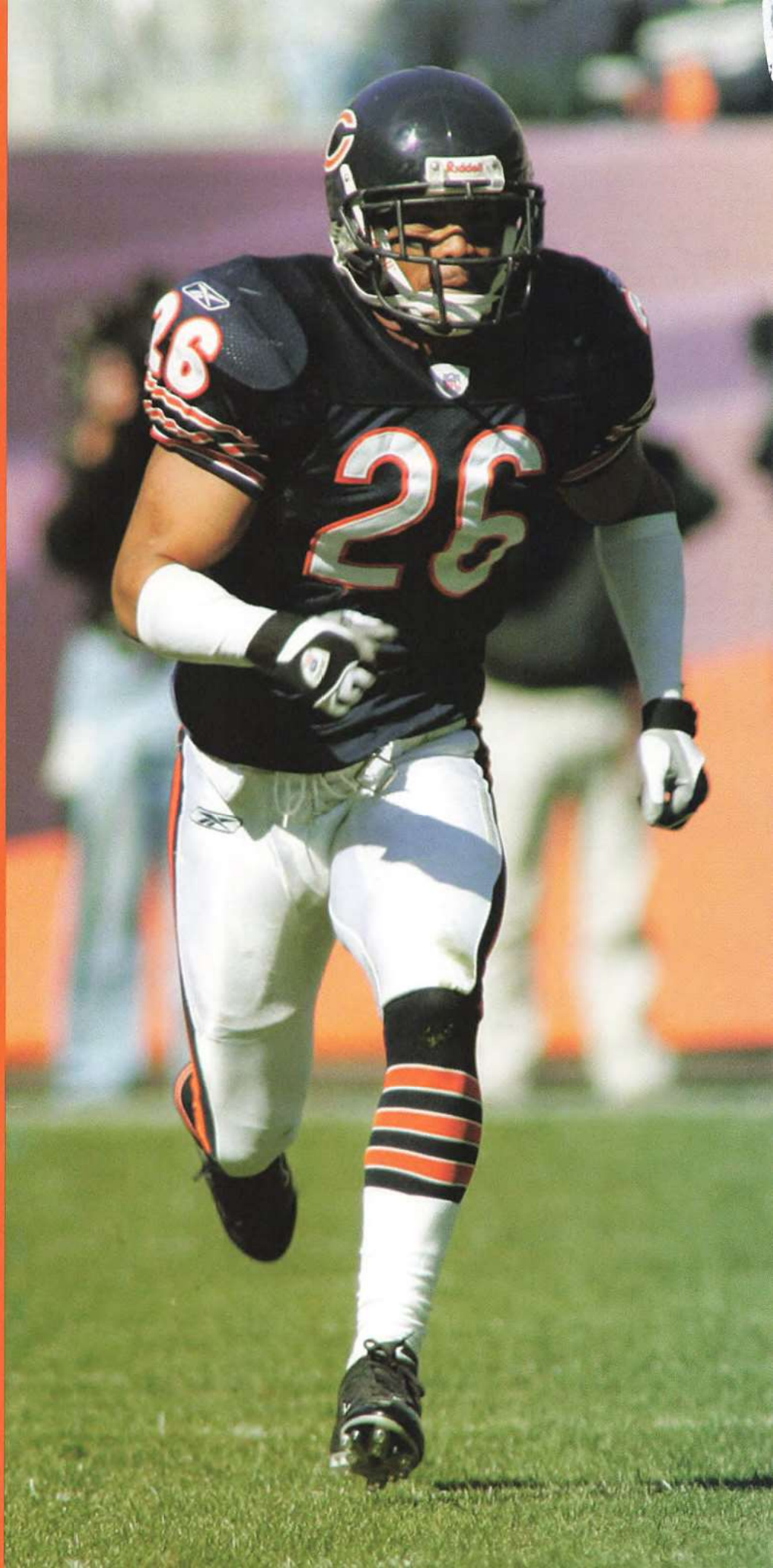


26

Cornerback

Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 185
Age: 30
College: Northern Arizona
Seasons with Bears: 6
Seasons with NFL: 6

Quick Hits:
Todd spent his first three pro seasons in the Canadian Football League with the Saskatchewan Roughriders.



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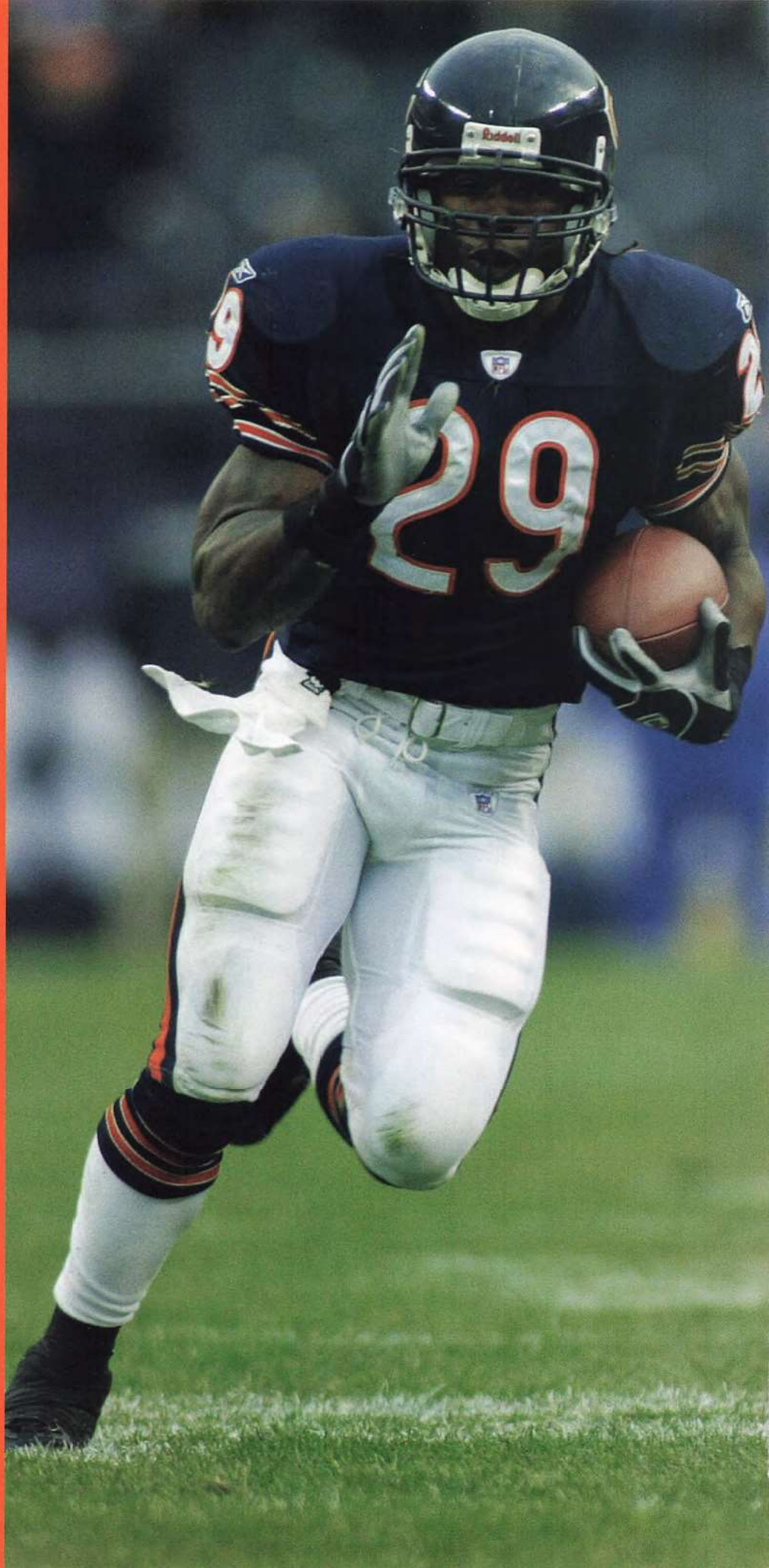
ADRIAN PETERSON

29

Running Back

Height: 5′ 10″
Weight: 210
Age: 26
College: Georgia Southern
Seasons with Bears: 4
Seasons with NFL: 4

Quick Hits:
Filming a commercial for Russell Athletic in 2002, Adrian had to run up a flight of stadium stairs 50 times.



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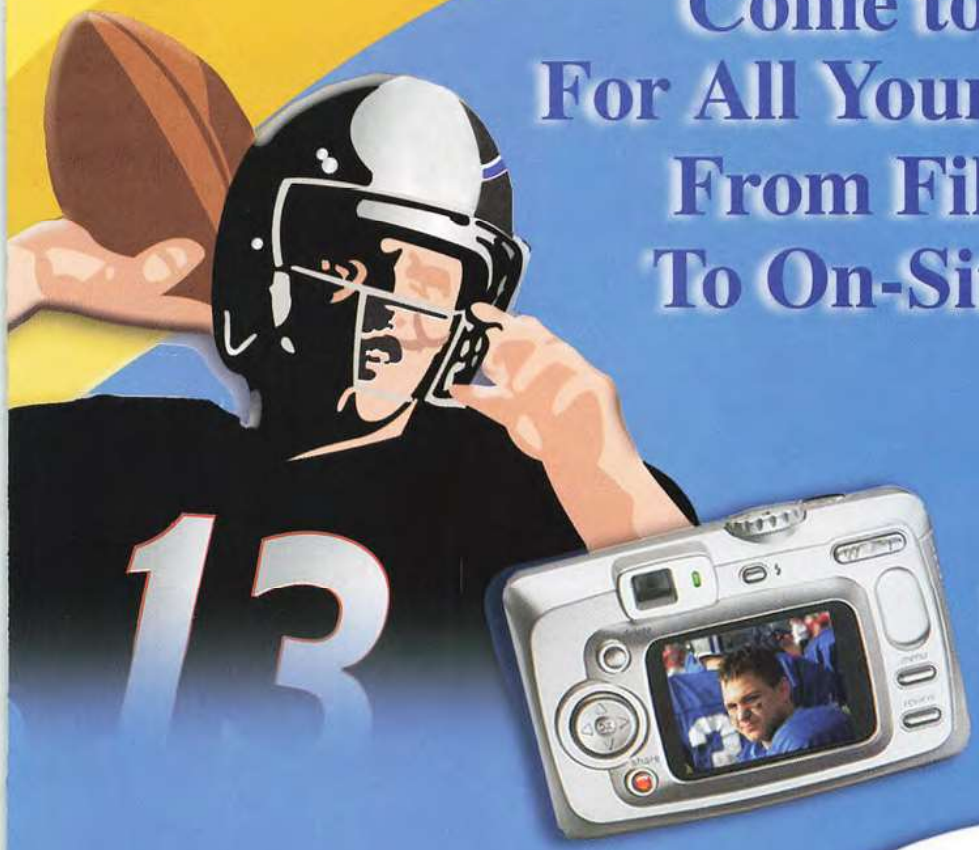

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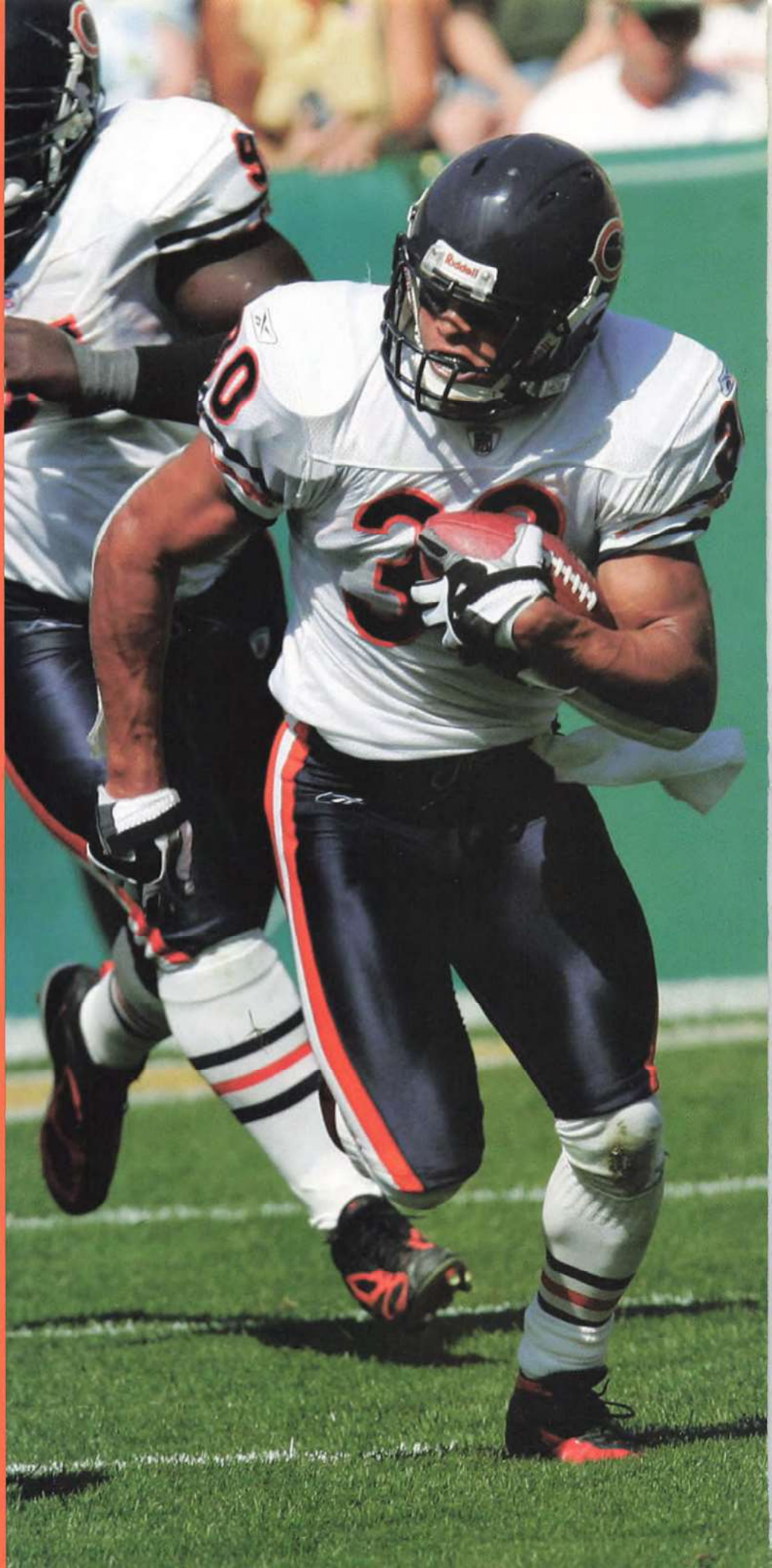
MIKE BROWN

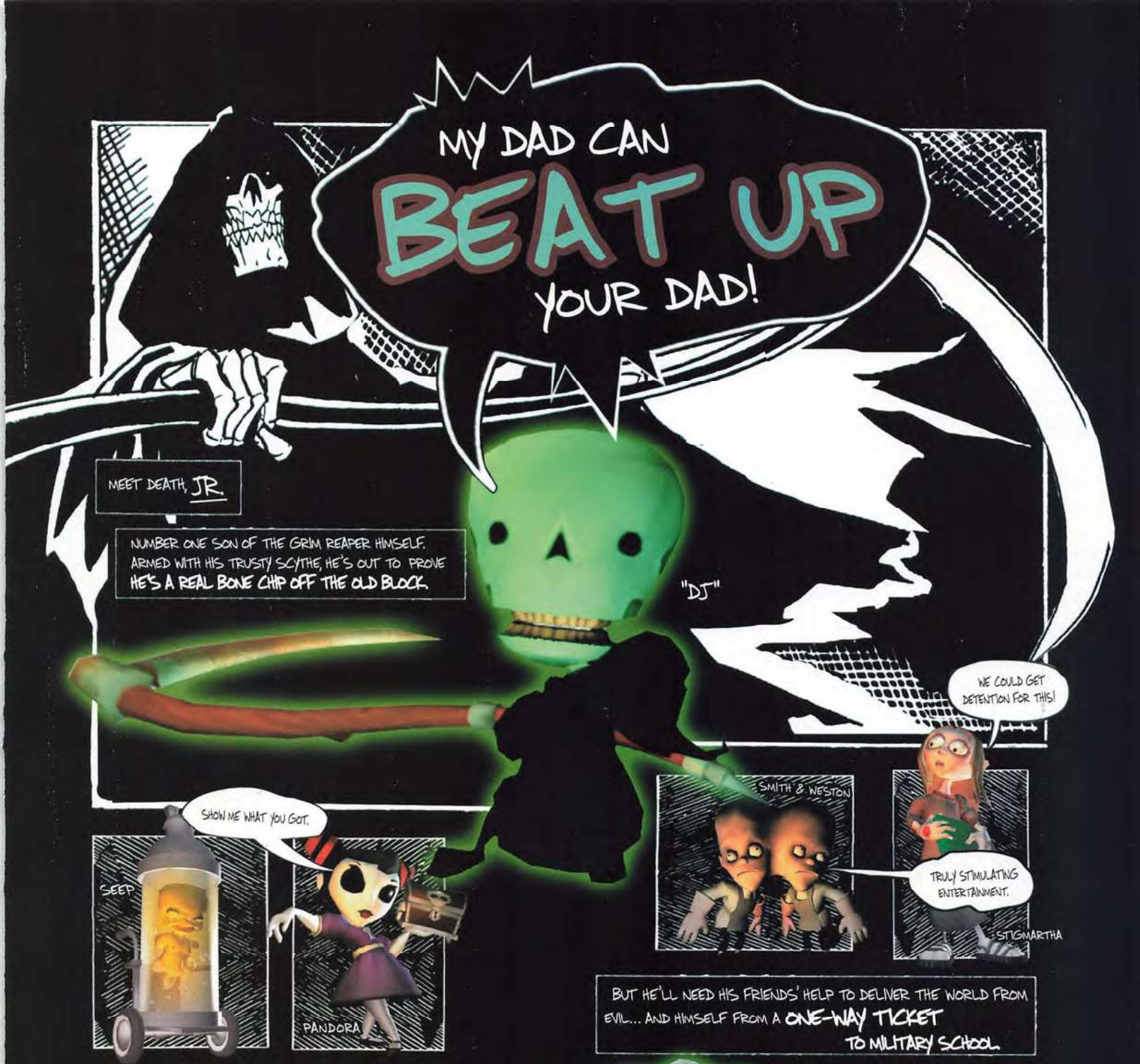
30

Safety

Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 207
Age: 27
College: Nebraska
Seasons with Bears: 6
Seasons with NFL: 6

Quick Hits:
With last season's 95-yard fumble return at Green Bay, Mike set the Bears' career record with five defensive touchdowns.

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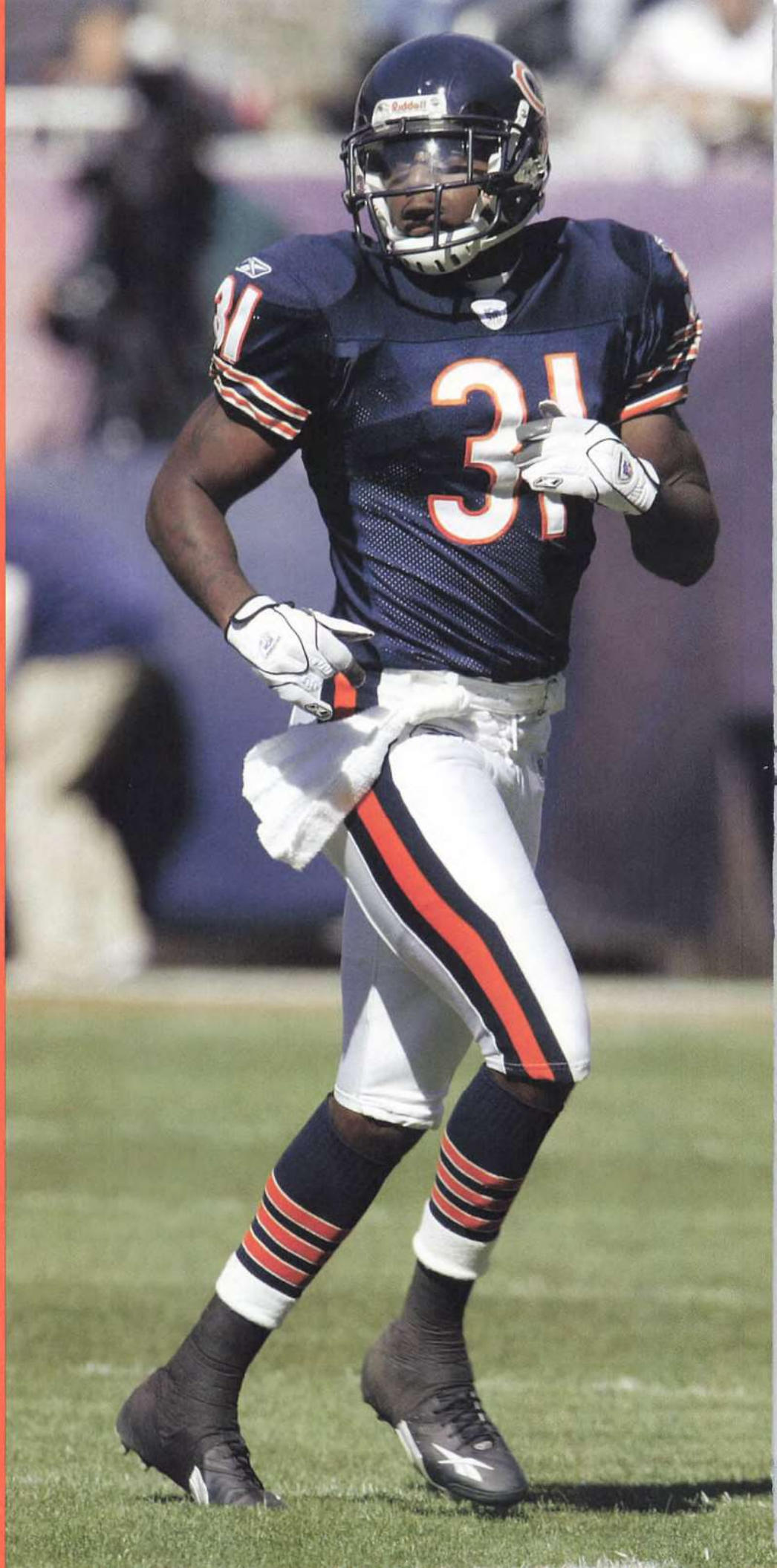
NATHAN VASHER

31

Cornerback

Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 180
Age: 23
College: Texas
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 2

Quick Hits:
In high school, Nathan's cousin nicknamed him "ESPN3" because he needed an entire network to show his highlights.



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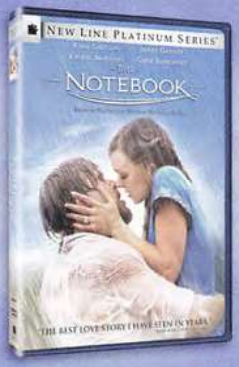

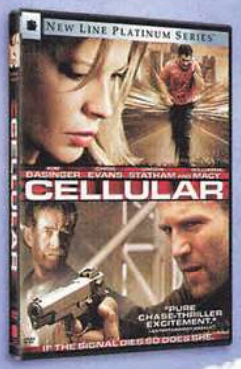

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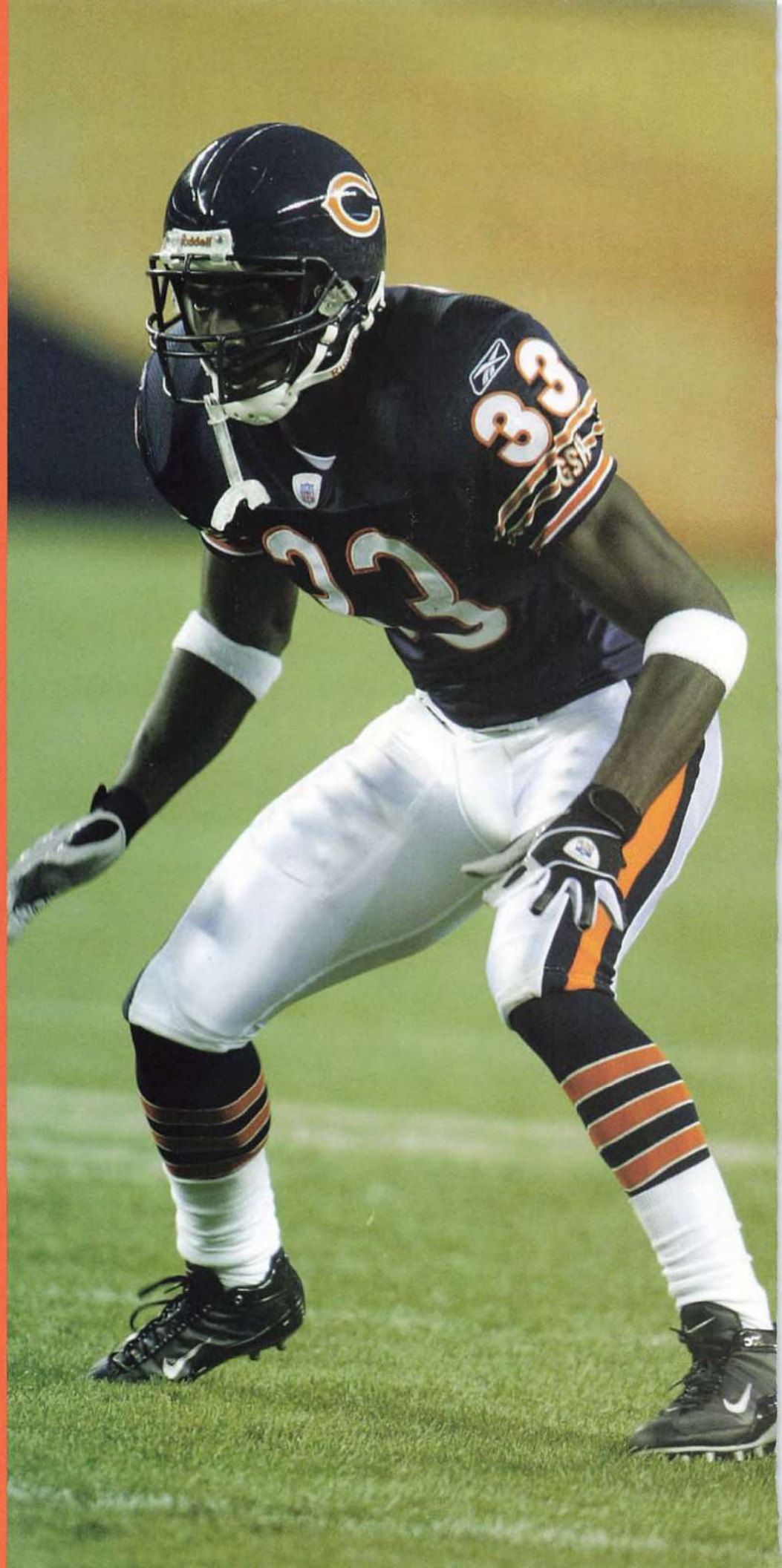
CHARLES TILLMAN

33

Cornerback

Height: 6′ 1″
Weight: 196
Age: 24
College: Louisiana-Lafayette
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 3

Quick Hits:
Charles is one of four players from Copperas Cove (Texas) High School currently in the NFL (Vontez Duff, T.J. Hollowell and Howard Hodges).



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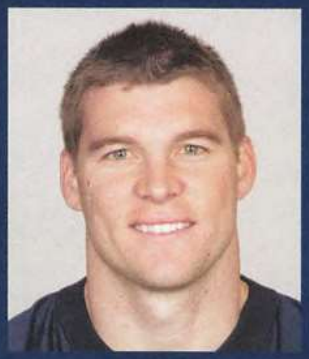

35

Safety

Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 200
Age: 26
College: Florida
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 2

Quick Hits:
Todd continues to drive the same car he's had since he was a high school junior, a '91 Cutlass Supreme.

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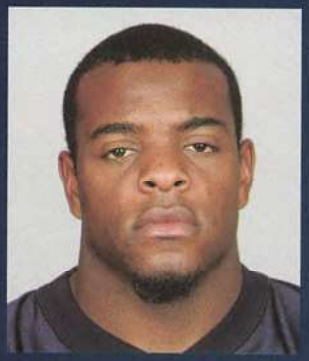
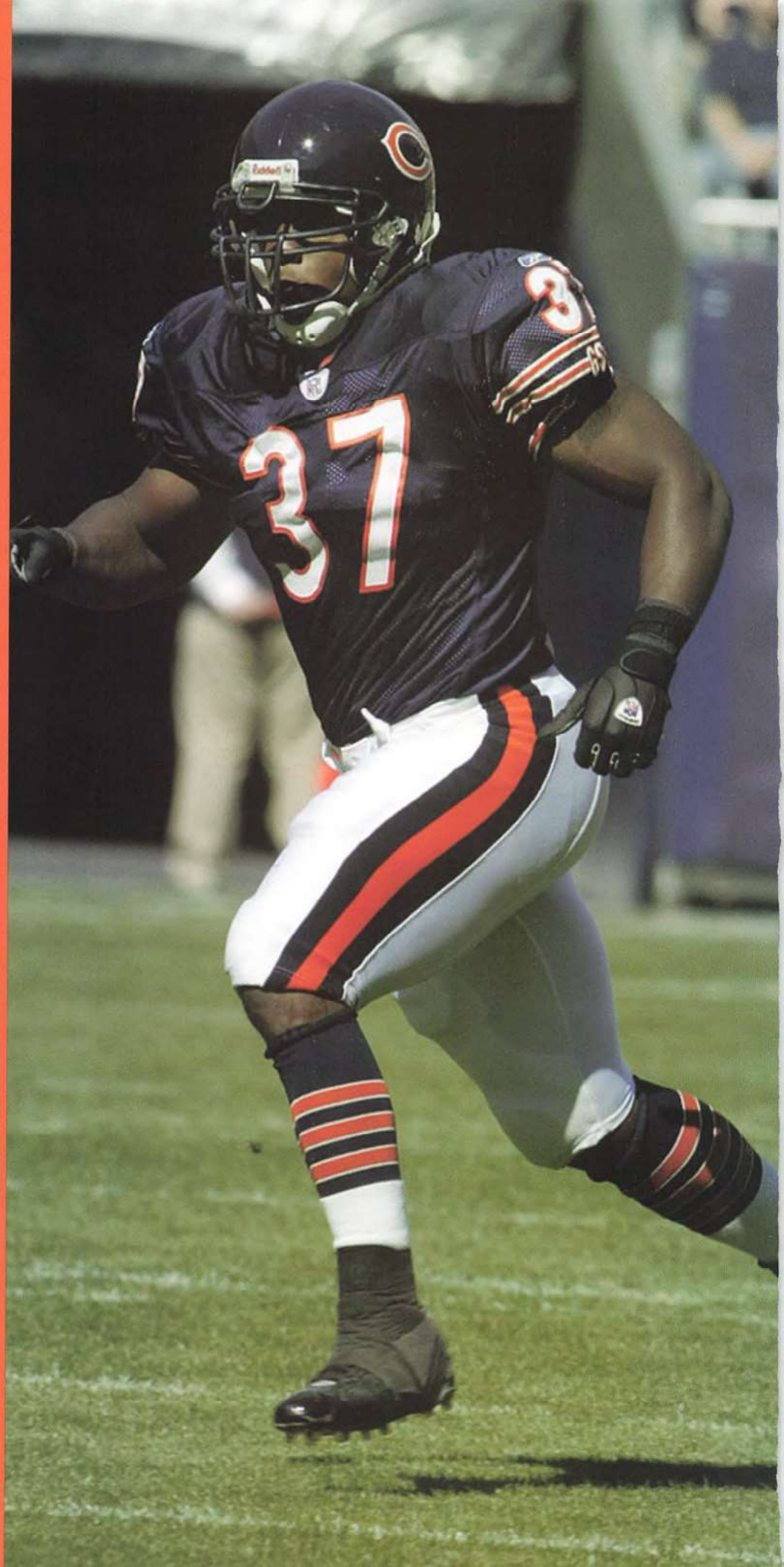


37

Fullback

Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 243
Age: 25
College: Temple
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 4

Quick Hits:
Jason's cousin, Aaron McKie, is a guard for the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers.



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MIKE GREEN

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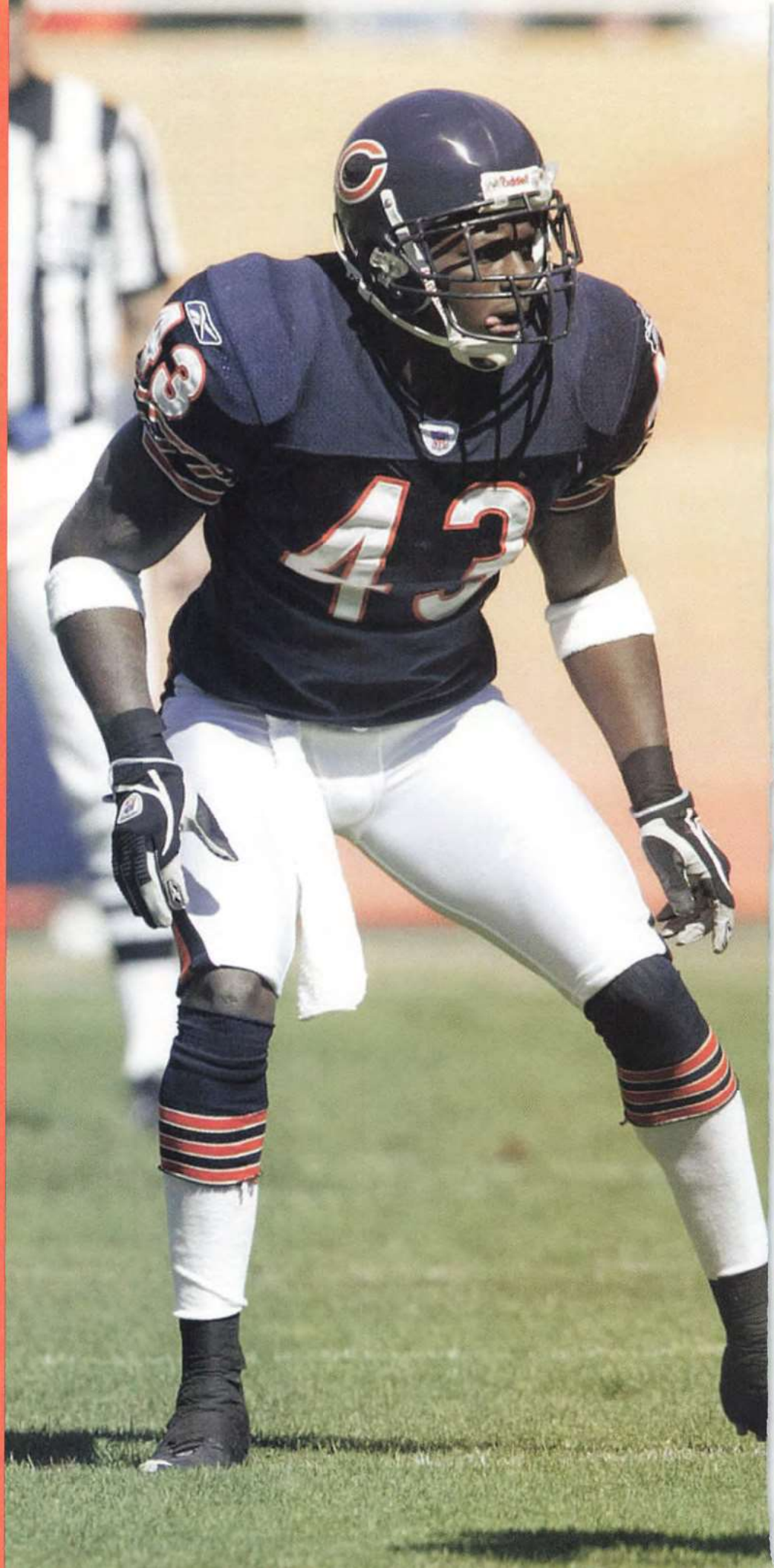
Safety

Height: 6′ 0″
Weight: 195
Age: 28
College: Northwestern St. (LA)
Seasons with Bears: 6
Seasons with NFL: 6

Quick Hits:
Mike is the only "Mr. Irrelevant" (last player taken in the draft) starting in the NFL.



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BRYAN JOHNSON

47

Fullback

Height: 6′ 1″
Weight: 242
Age: 27
College: Boise State
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 5

Quick Hits:
Bryan went bungee jumping when he was in high school and skydiving when he was in college.

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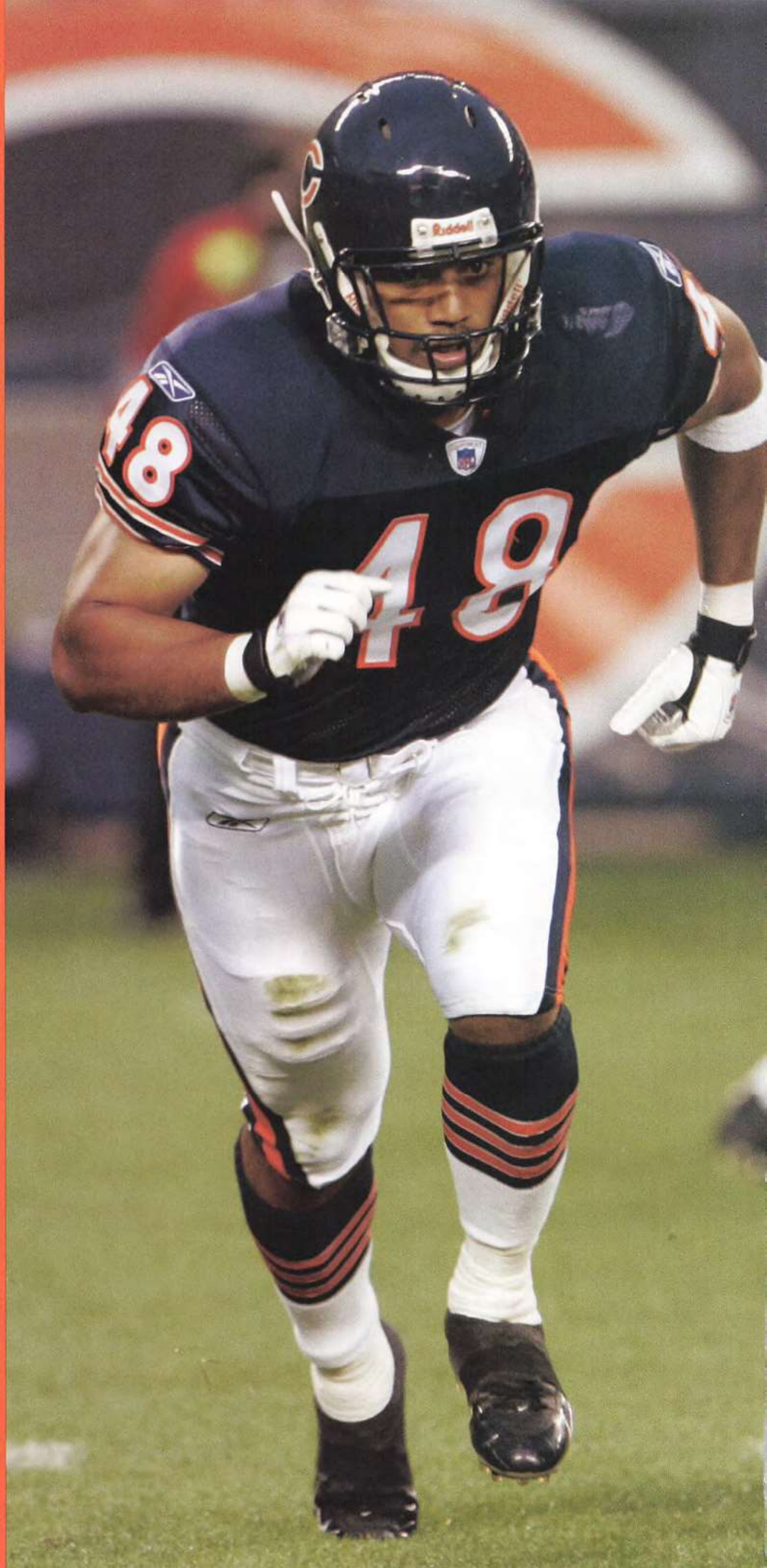
GABE REID

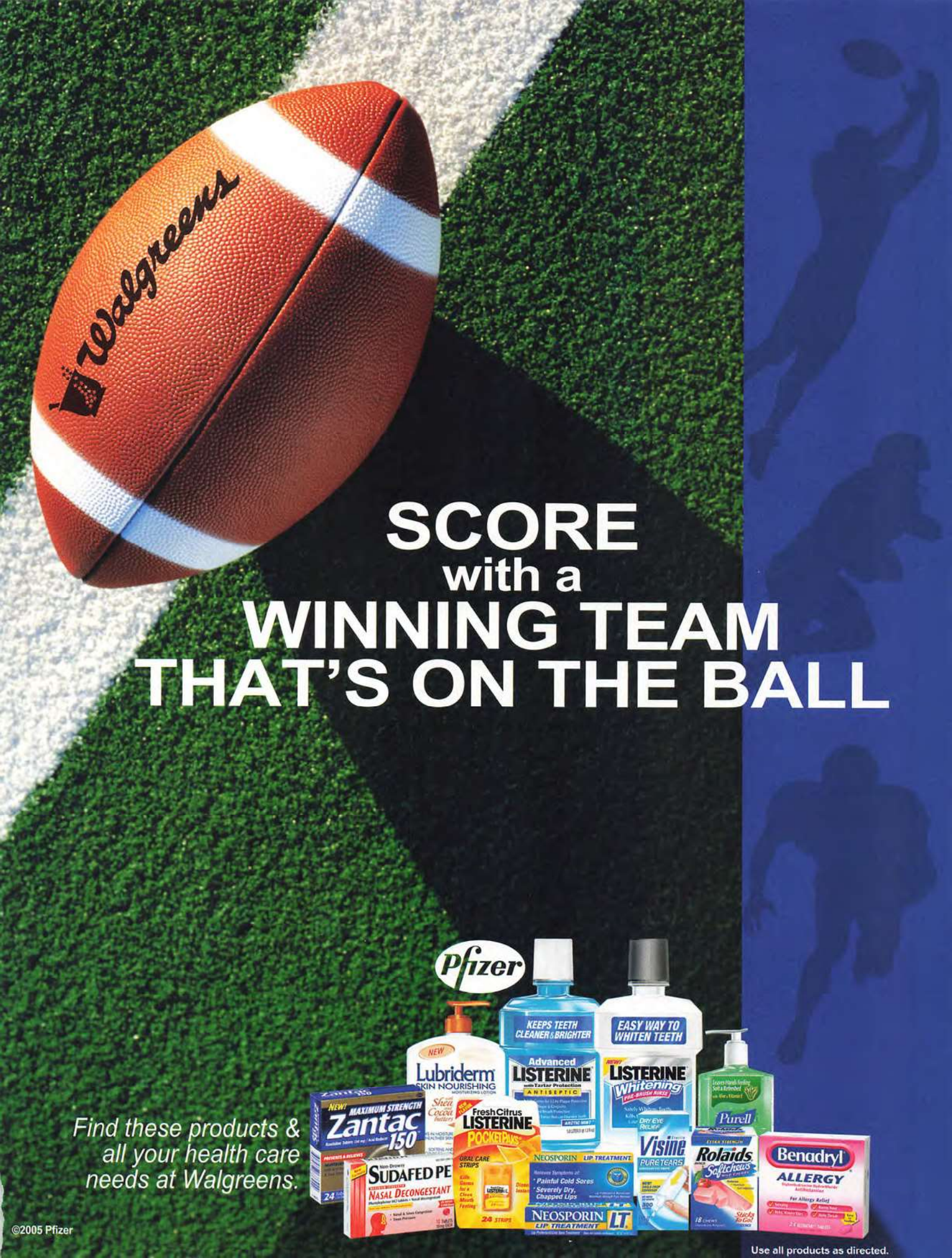
48

Tight End

Height: 6′ 3″
Weight: 253
Age: 28
College: Brigham Young
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 3

Quick Hits:
Gabe is a cousin of former Bears wide receiver and special teams standout Glen Kozlowski.

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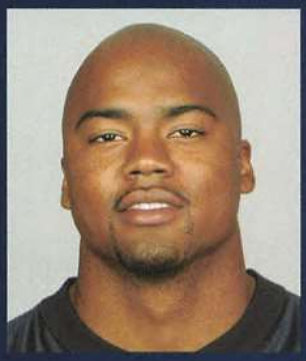
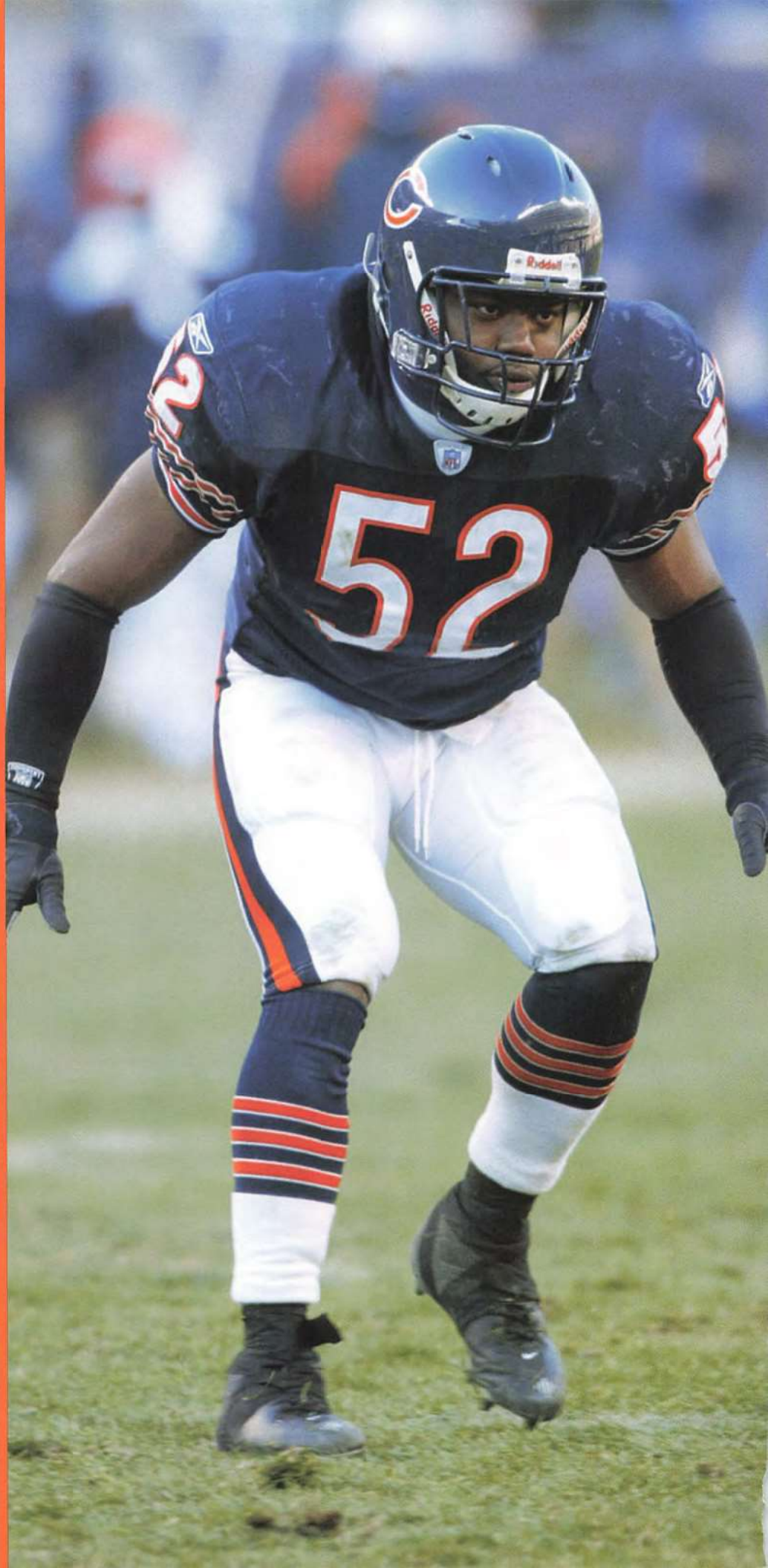


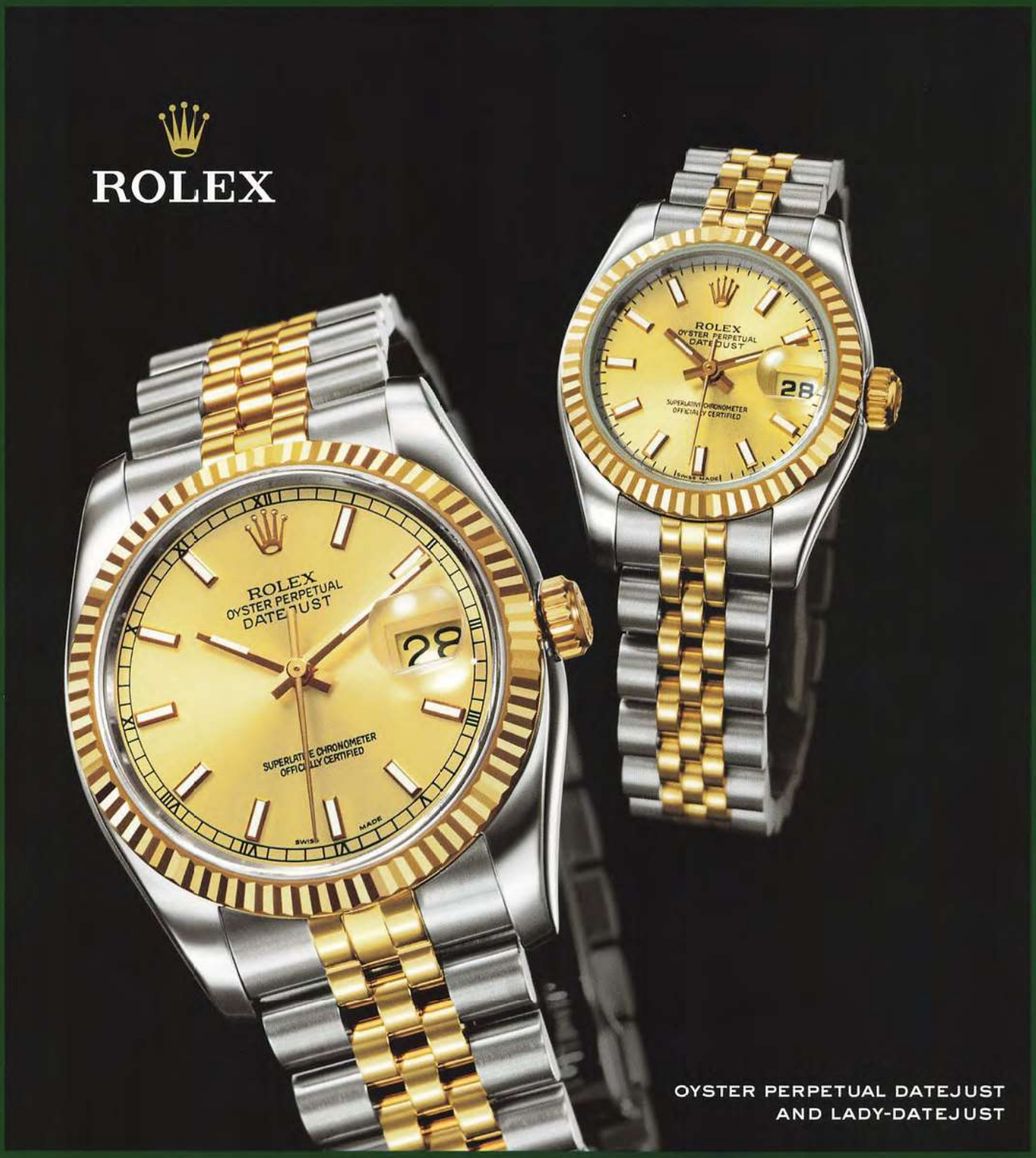
52

Linebacker

Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 230
Age: 24
College: UCLA
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 2

Quick Hits:
Marcus started at linebacker for the Cologne Centurions in NFL Europe in 2004.





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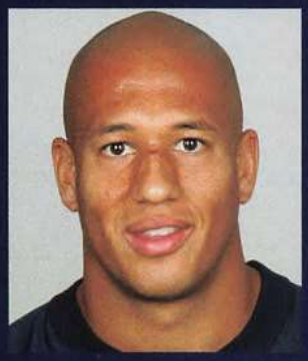

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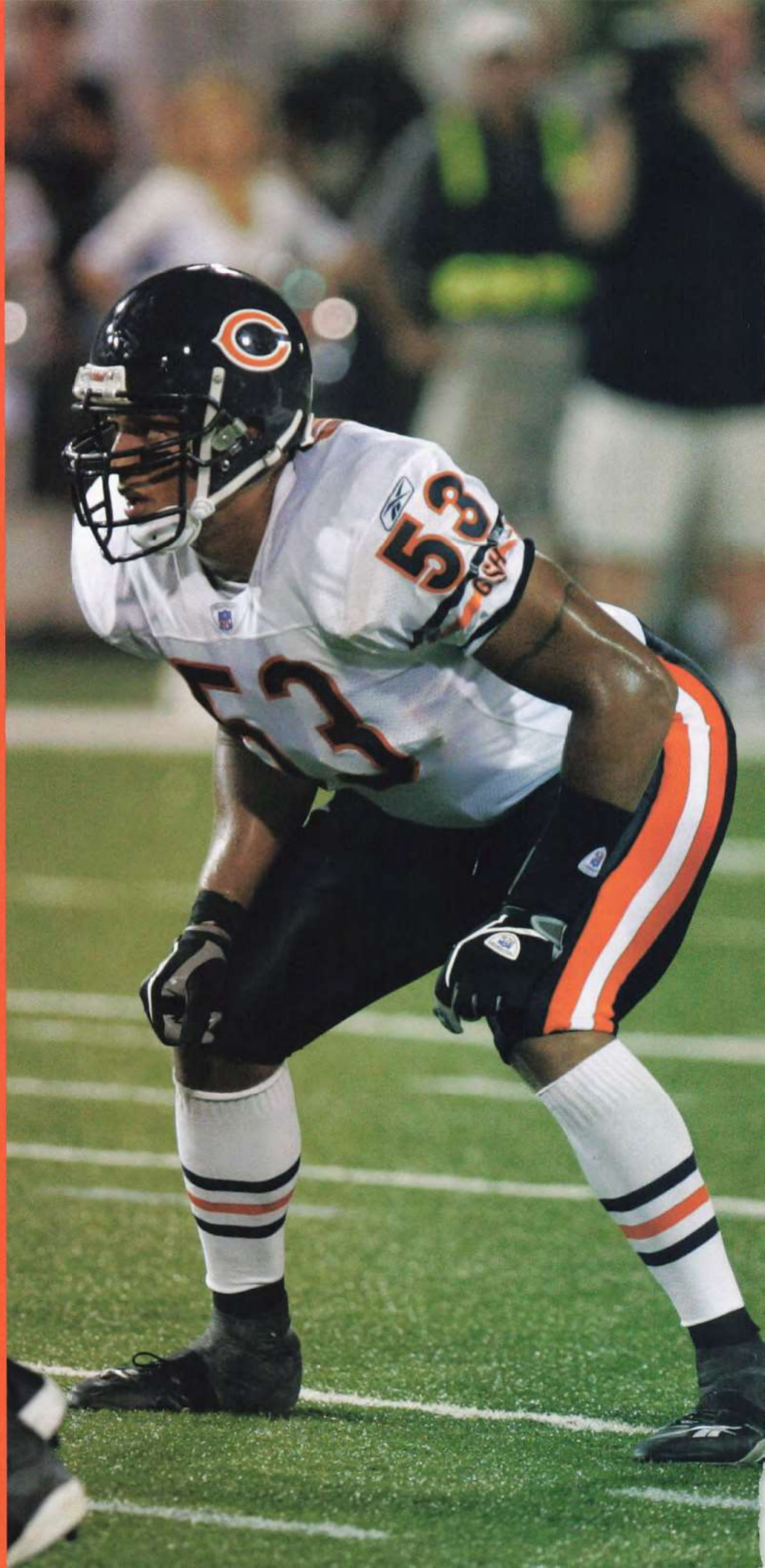
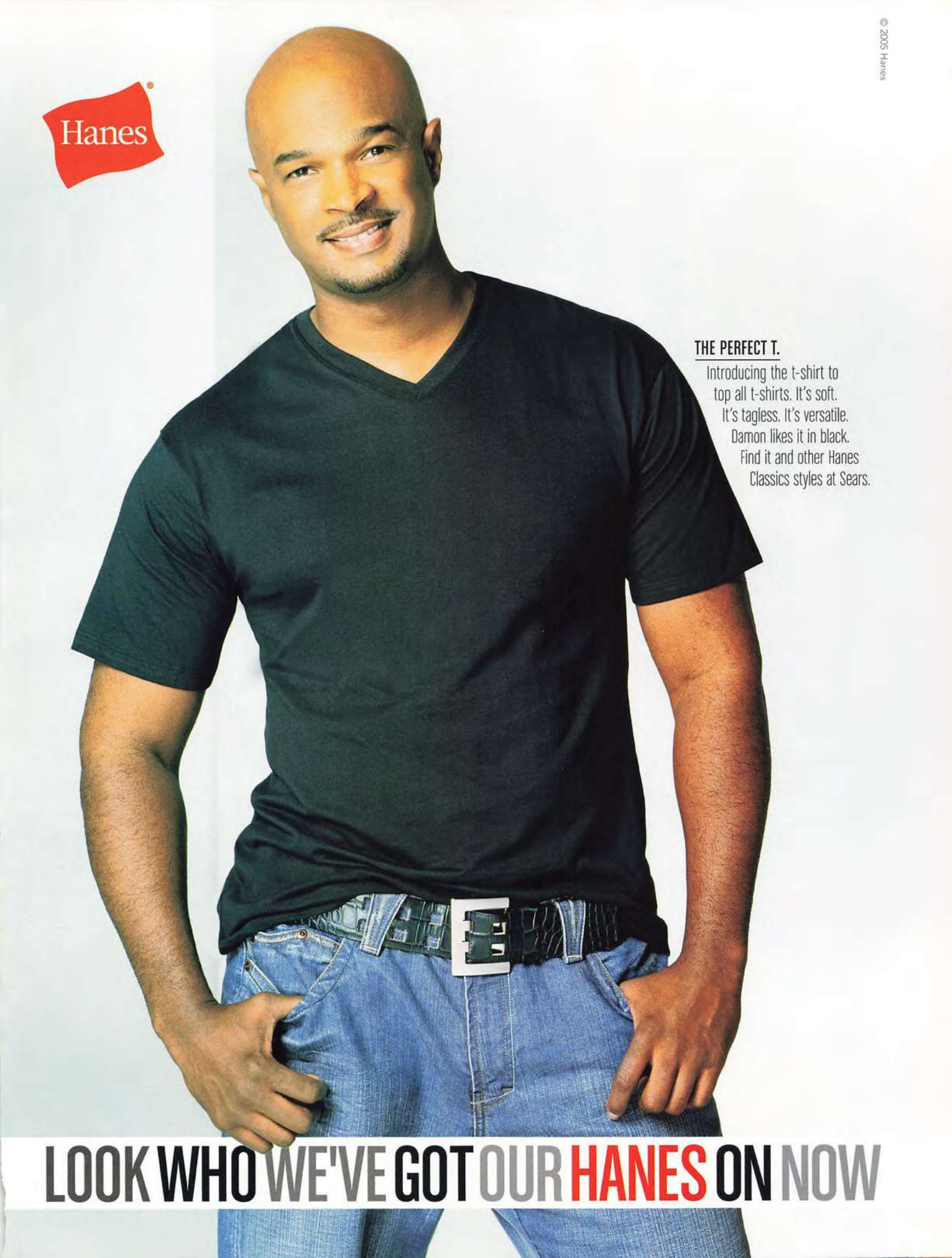
Linebacker

Height: 6′ 2″
Weight: 244
Age: 27
College: Iowa
Seasons with Bears: 1
Seasons with NFL: 5

Quick Hits:
LeVar lettered in football, basketball and track at West Lyon High School in Inwood, Iowa.

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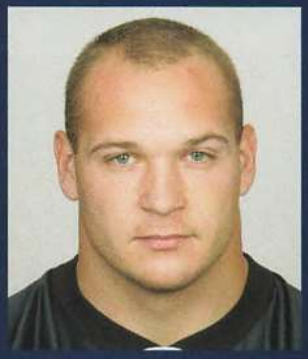
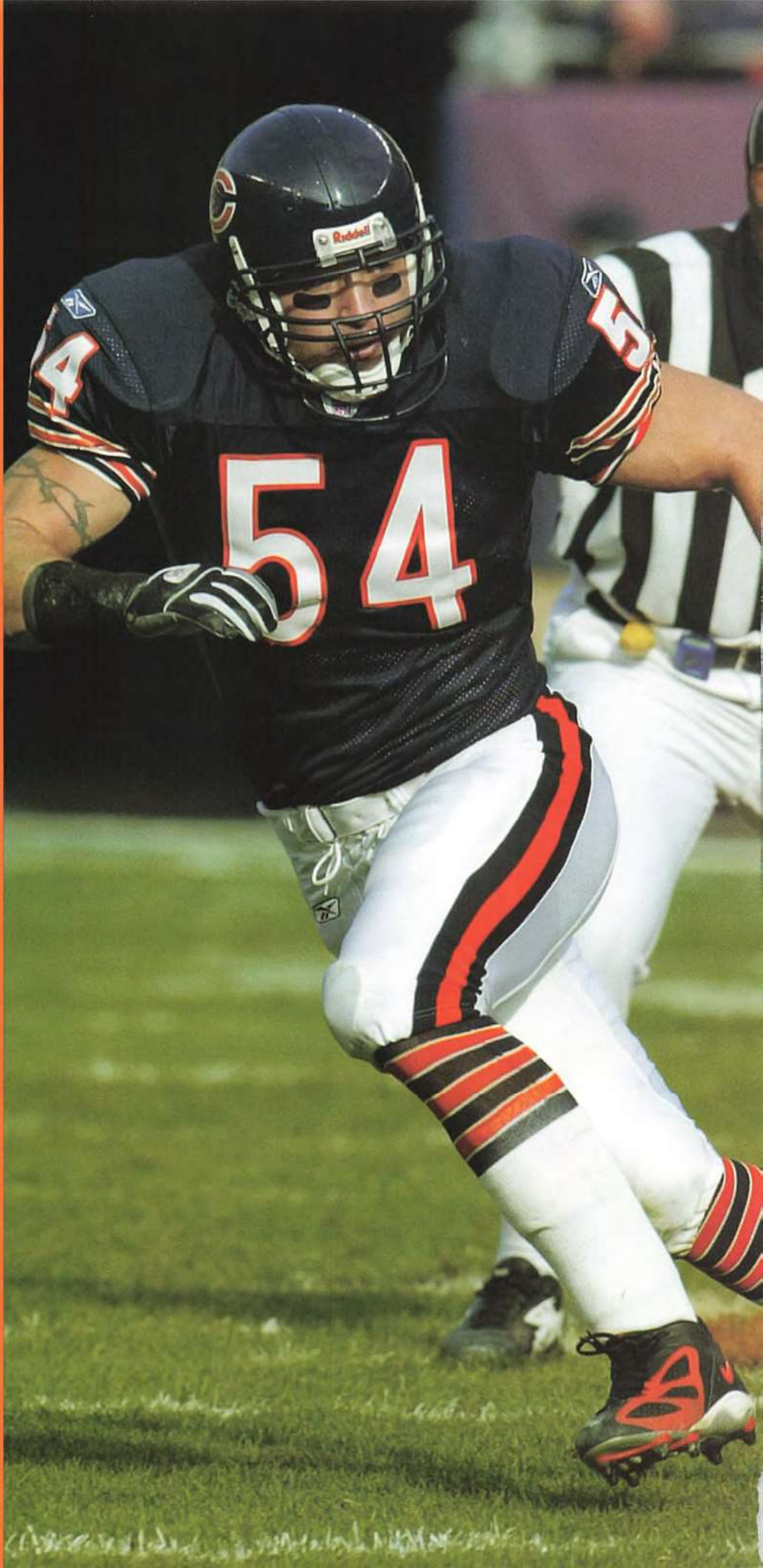


54

Linebacker

Height: 6′ 4″
Weight: 258
Age: 27
College: New Mexico
Seasons with Bears: 6
Seasons with NFL: 6

Quick Hits:
Brian has appeared in Campbell's Chunky Soup commercials with his mother, Lavoyda.



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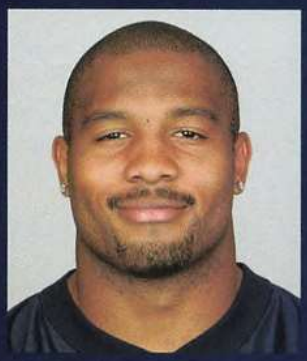

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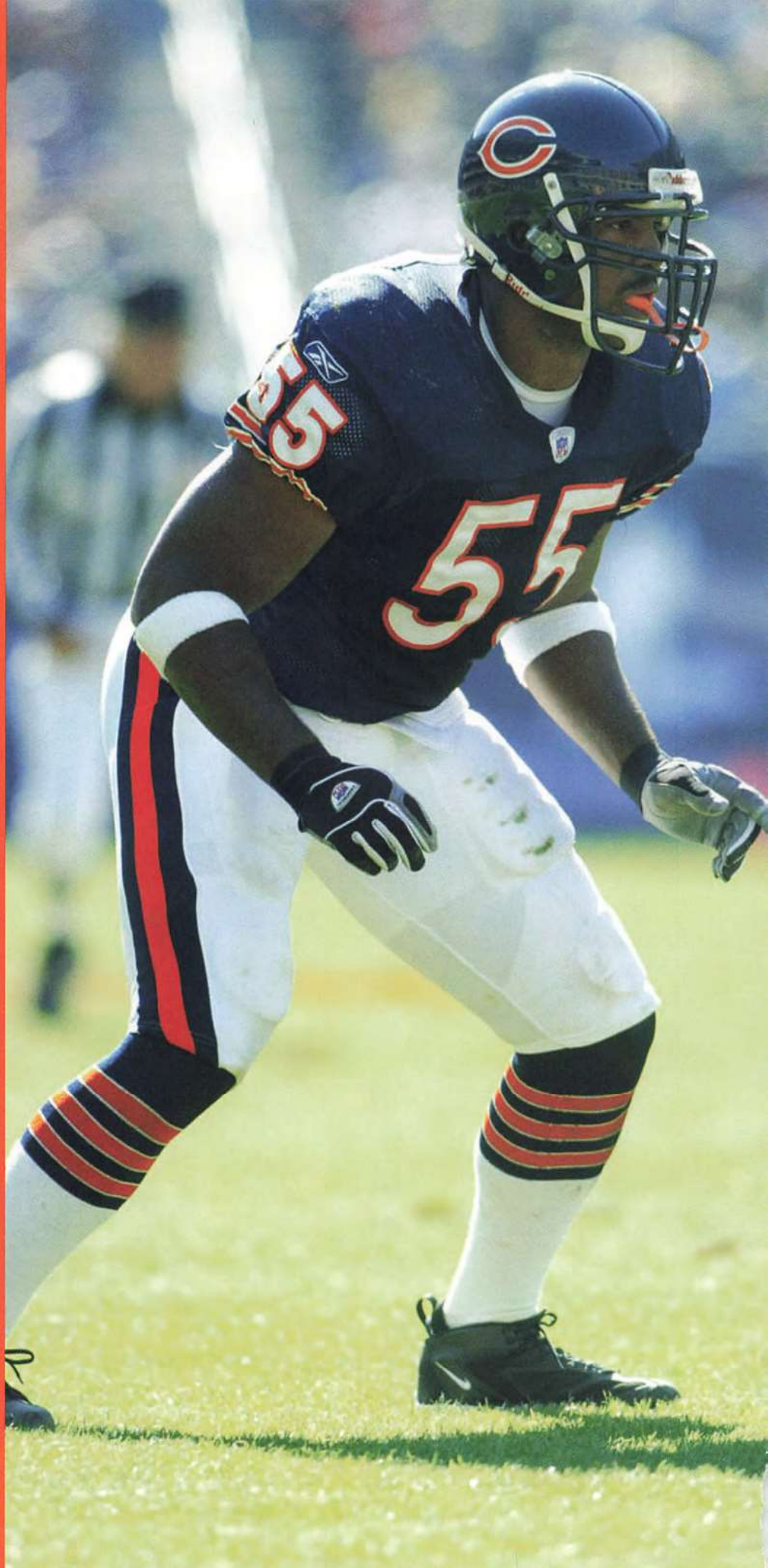
Linebacker

Height: 6′ 1″
Weight: 240
Age: 24
College: Arizona
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 3

Quick Hits:
Lance has returned each of his two career interceptions for touchdowns.



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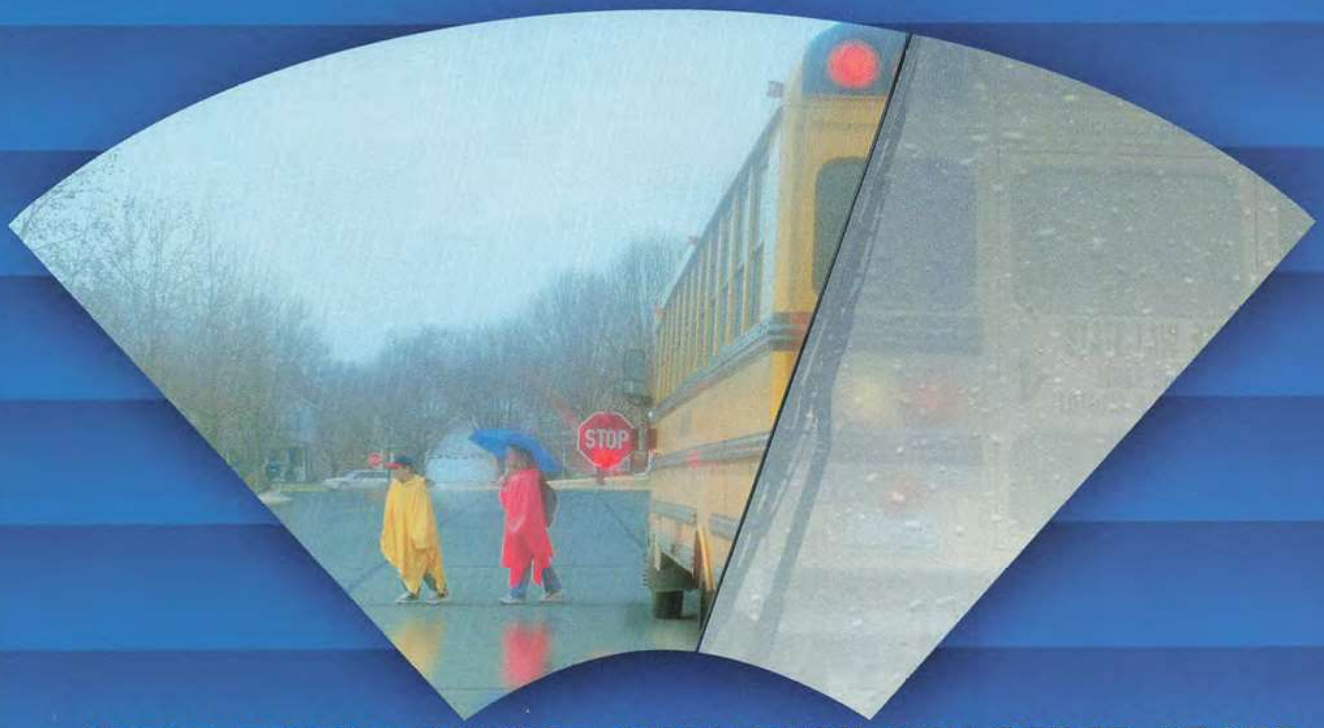

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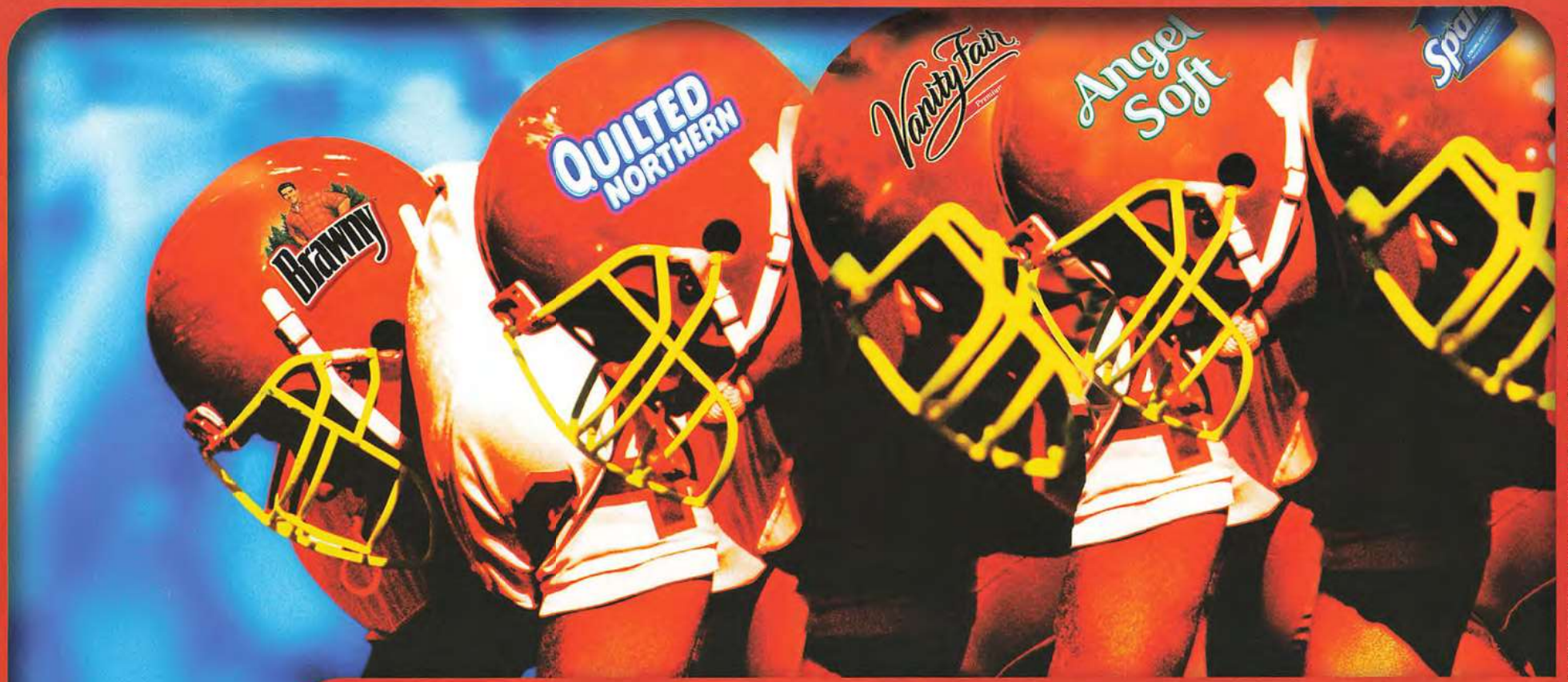
OLIN KREUTZ

57

Center

Height: 6′ 2″
Weight: 292
Age: 28
College: Washington
Seasons with Bears: 8
Seasons with NFL: 8

Quick Hits:
Olin is bidding to become the Bears' first offensive lineman to make five straight Pro Bowl trips since center Jay Hilgenberg went seven consecutive times from 1986-92.



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JEREMY CAIN

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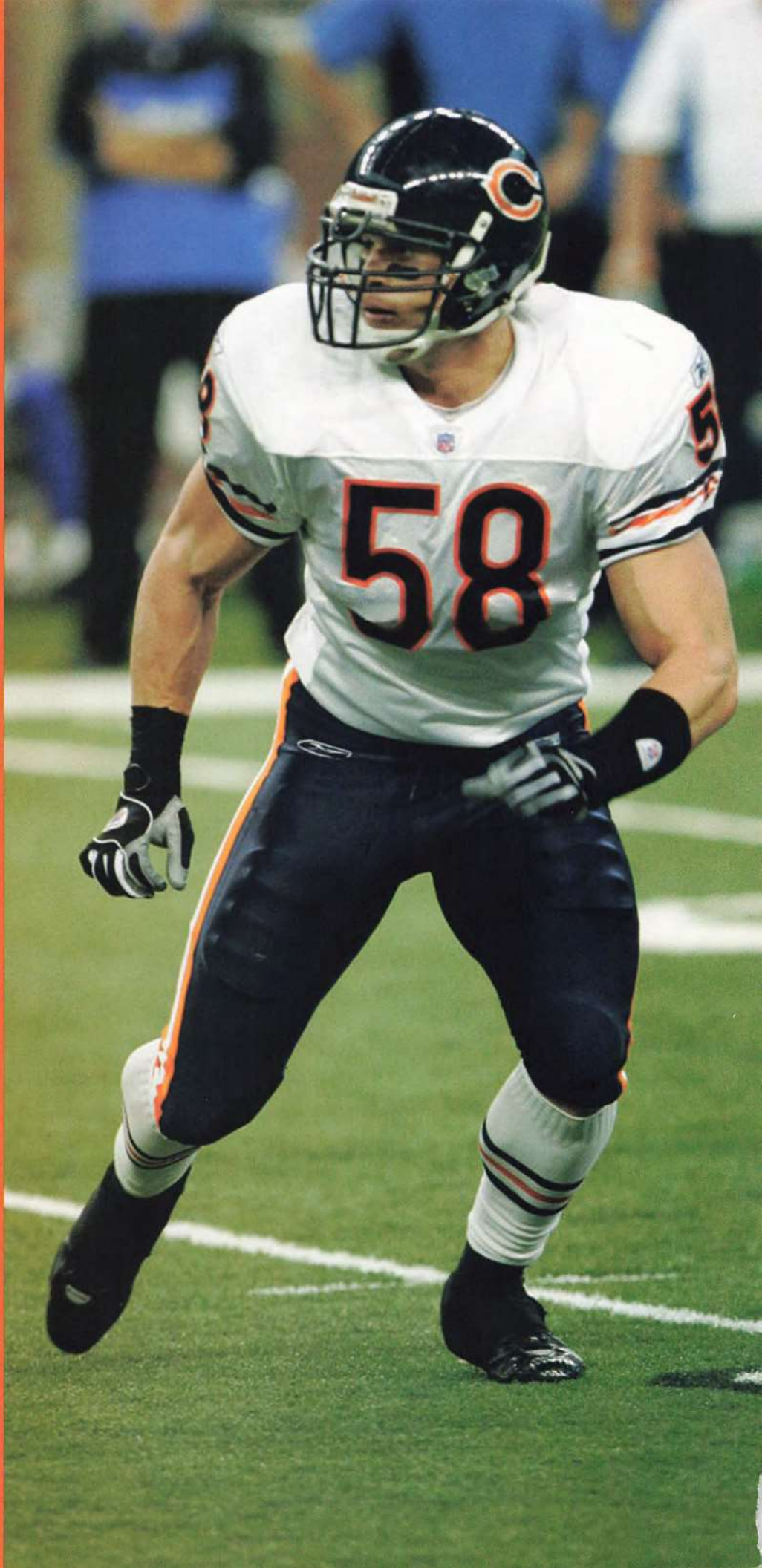
Linebacker

Height: 6′ 1″
Weight: 235
Age: 25
College: Massachusetts
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 2

Quick Hits:
Jeremy's uncle, Ronnie Cain, was a tight end who was drafted by the Denver Broncos in 1960.



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JOE ODOM

59

Linebacker

Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 235
Age: 25
College: Purdue
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 3

Quick Hits:
A Bethalto, Illinois native, Joe is an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals.

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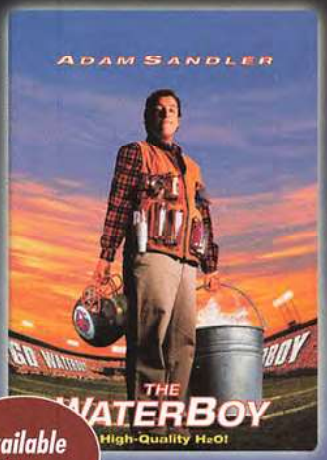

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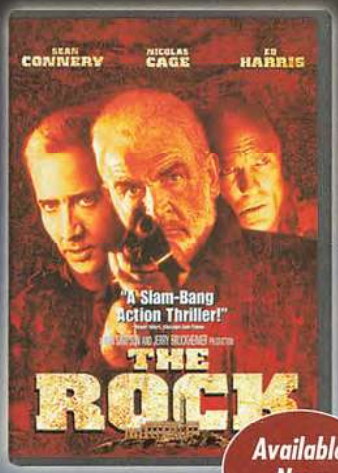

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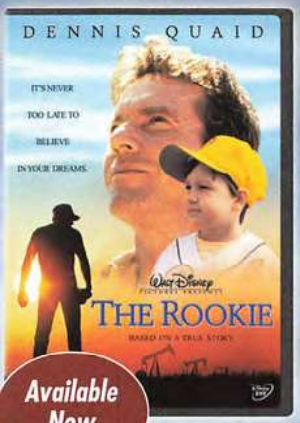

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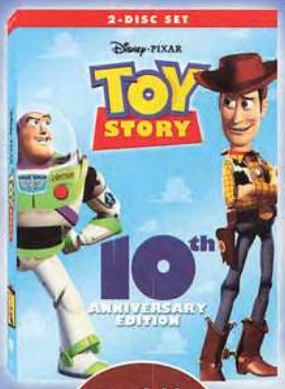

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TERRENCE METCALF

60

Guard/Center

Height: 6′ 3″
Weight: 318
Age: 27
College: Mississippi
Seasons with Bears: 4
Seasons with NFL: 4

Quick Hits:
Terrence blocked for Giants quarterback Eli Manning at the University of Mississippi.

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ROBERTO GARZA

63

Guard/Center

Height: 6′ 2″
Weight: 300
Age: 26
College: Texas A&M-Kingsville
Seasons with Bears: 1
Seasons with NFL: 5

Quick Hits:
Roberto's mother and brother live in Rio Hondo, Texas, on Roberto Garza Drive, a street that was named in his honor.

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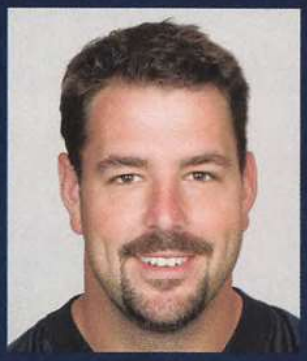
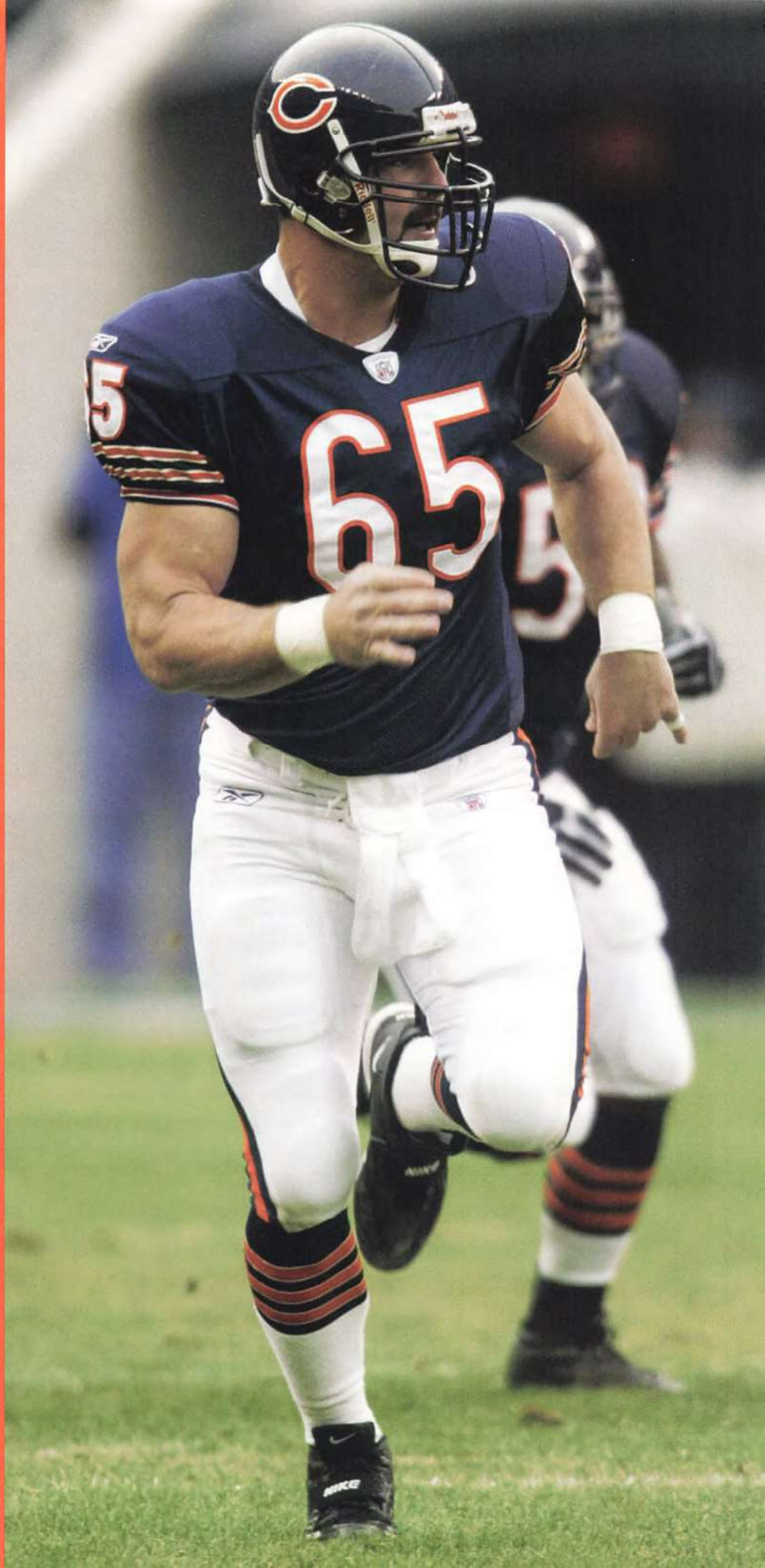


65

Long Snapper

Height: 6′ 5″
Weight: 265
Age: 30
College: Duke
Seasons with Bears: 8
Seasons with NFL: 8

Quick Hits:
Patrick played on the same prep basketball team as Matt Harping of the Utah Jazz at Marist High in Marietta, GA.



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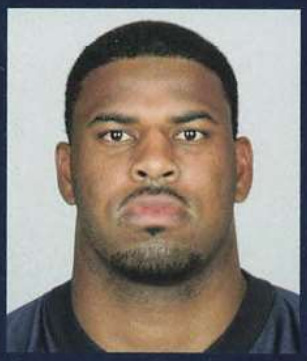
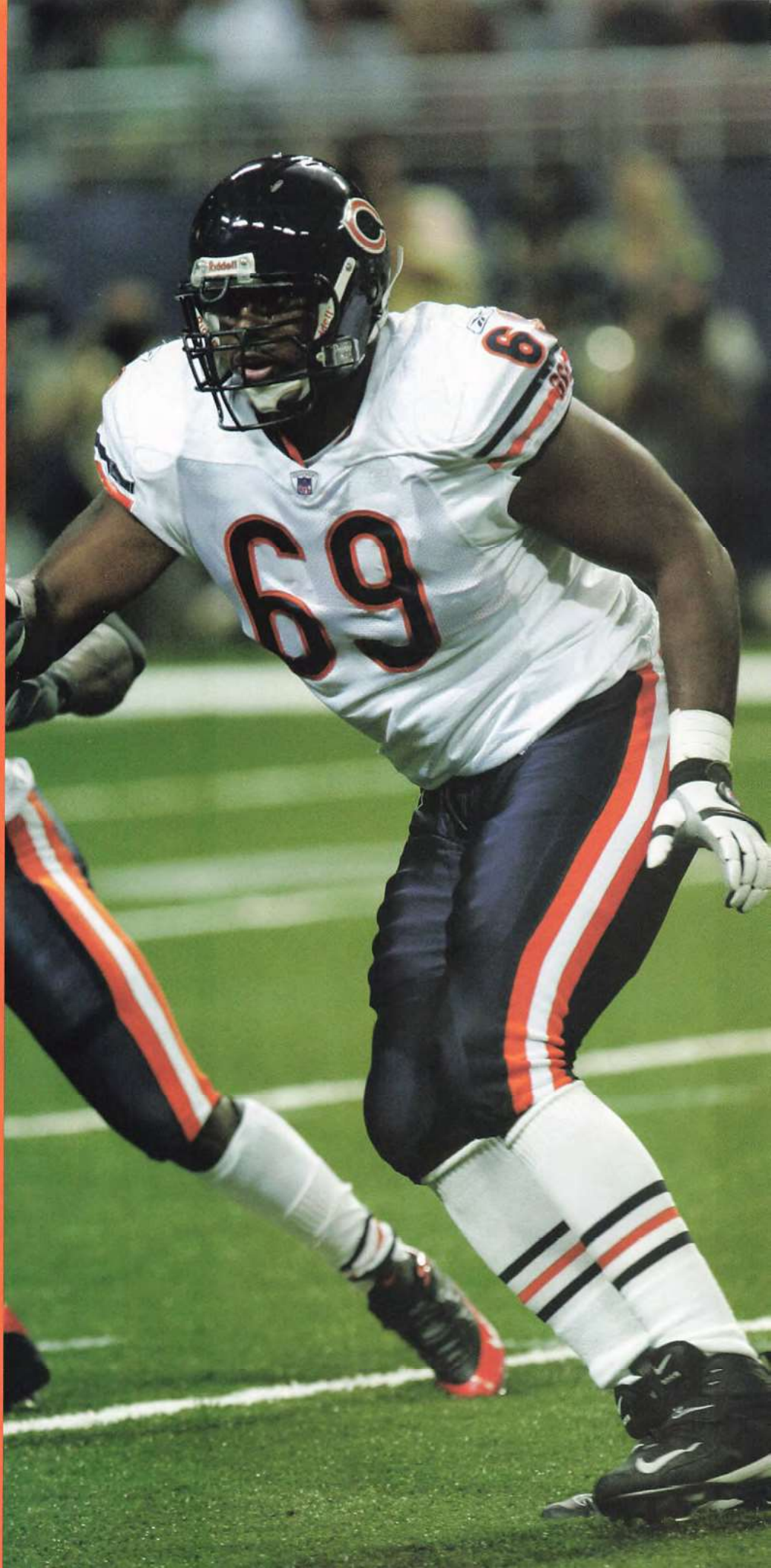


69

Tackle

Height: 6′ 7″
Weight: 320
Age: 32
College: Baylor
Seasons with Bears: 1
Seasons with NFL: 10

Quick Hits:
In 2001, Fred donated over $1 million to the Nurses for Newborns Foundation, one of the largest single charitable gifts in NFL history.



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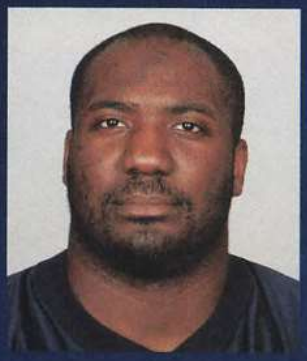
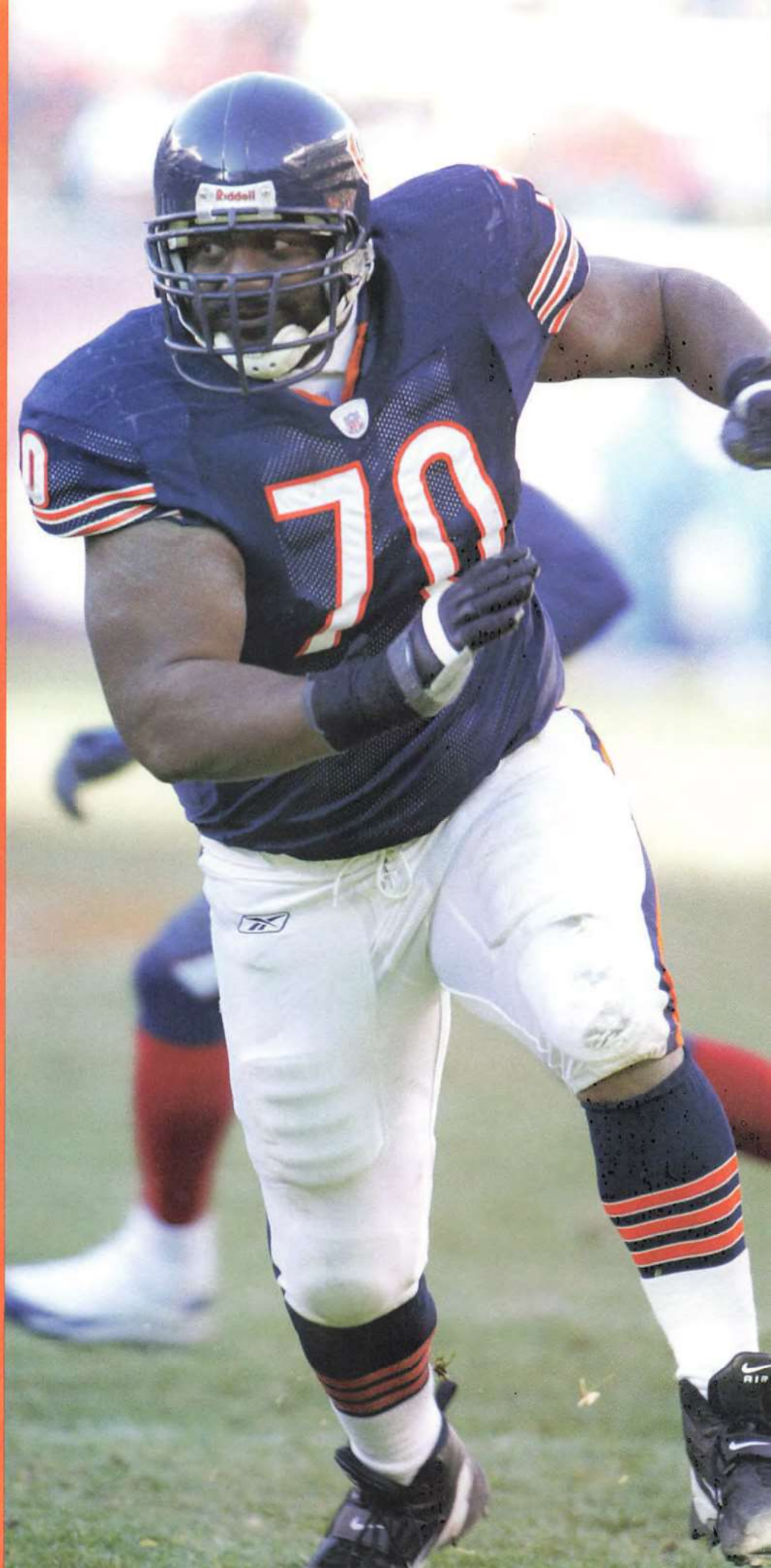


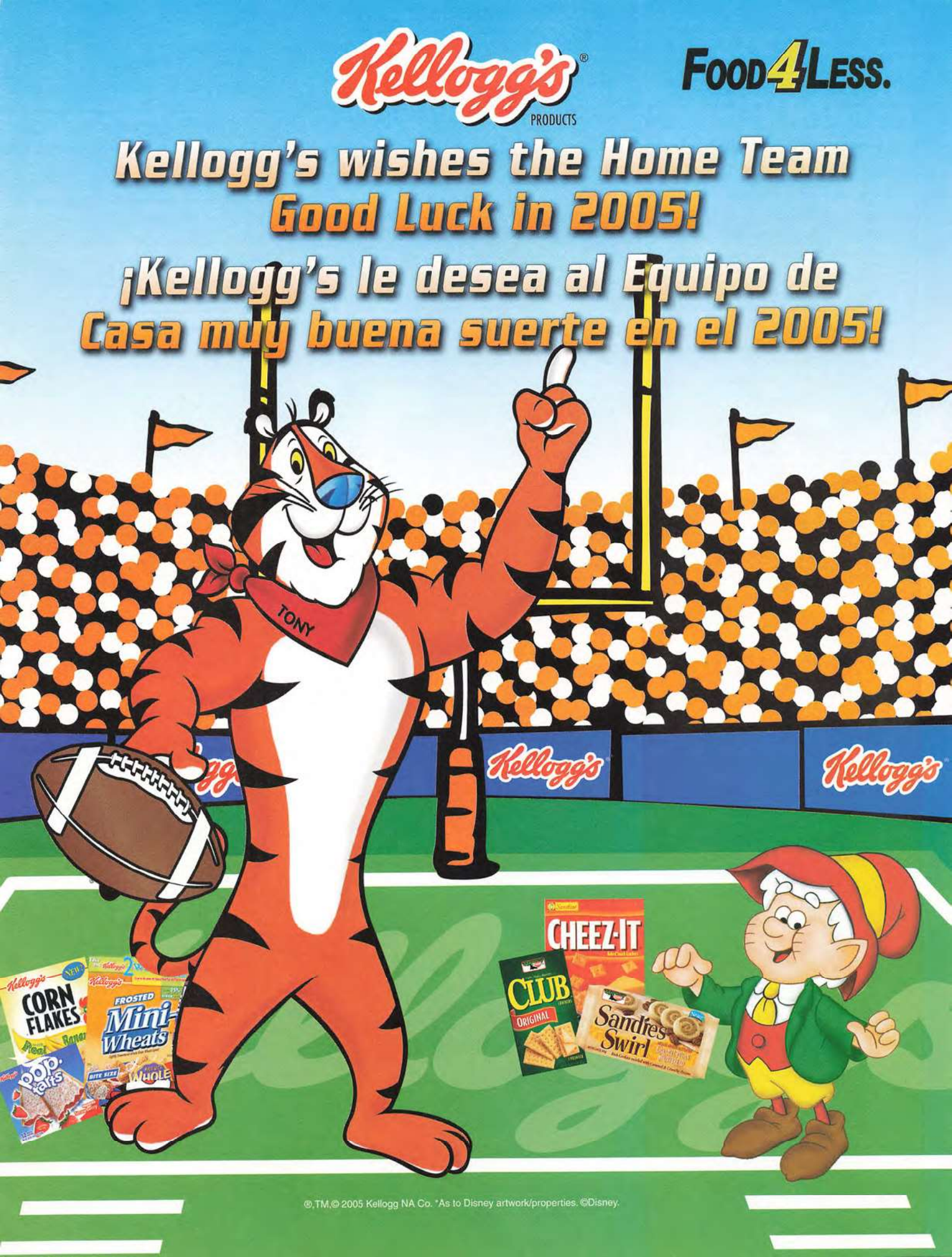
70

Defensive Tackle

Height: 6′ 4″
Weight: 318
Age: 29
College: Mt. San Antonio JC
Seasons with Bears: 5
Seasons with NFL: 5

Quick Hits:
Alfonso's only college playing experience consisted of two seasons at Mount San Antonio Junior College in California.

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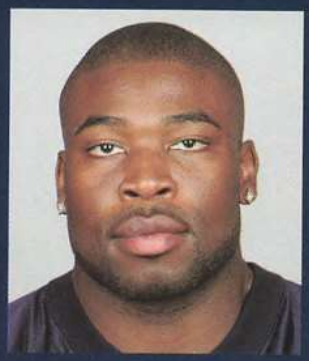
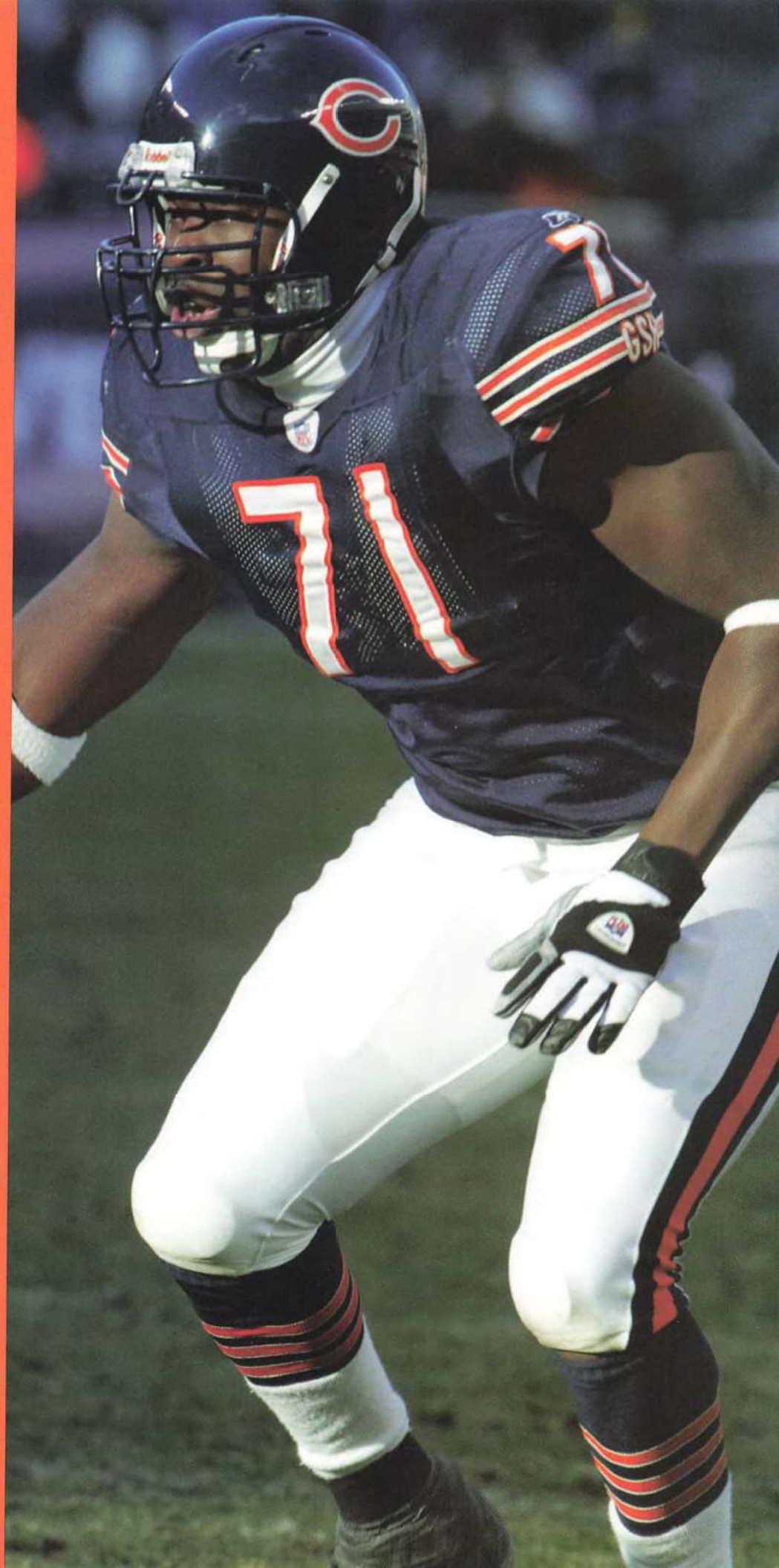


71

Defensive End

Height: 6′ 6″
Weight: 275
Age: 24
College: Manitoba
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 2

Quick Hits:
A Canadian native, Israel was the first football player to win the H.L. Krug Crawford award, emblematic of sporting excellence in Manitoba.



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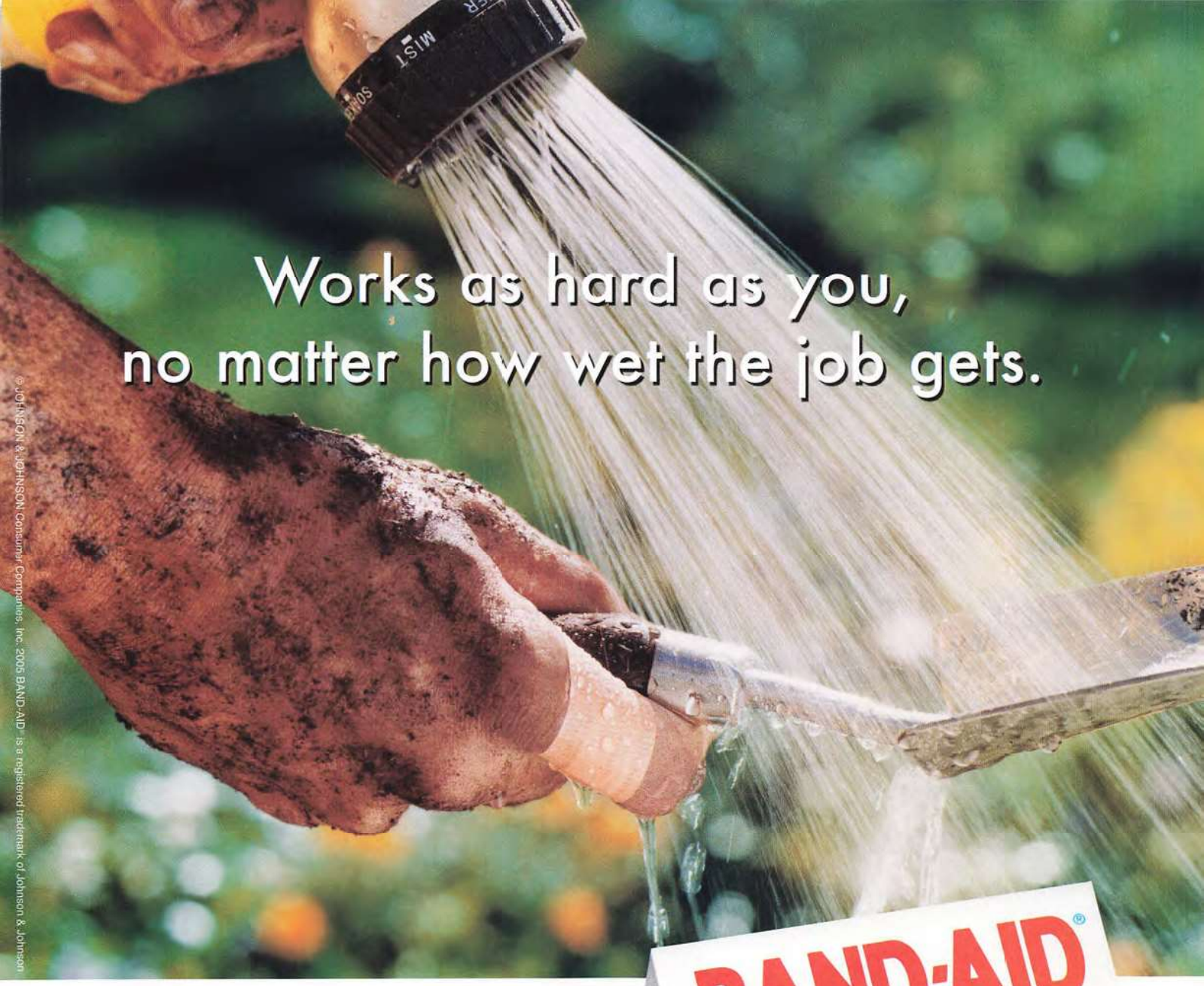
QASIM MITCHELL

72

Tackle

Height: 6' 5"
Weight: 347
Age: 25
College: North Carolina A&T
Seasons with Bears: 4
Seasons with NFL: 4

Quick Hits:
A vintage car collector, Qasim drives a 1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass.



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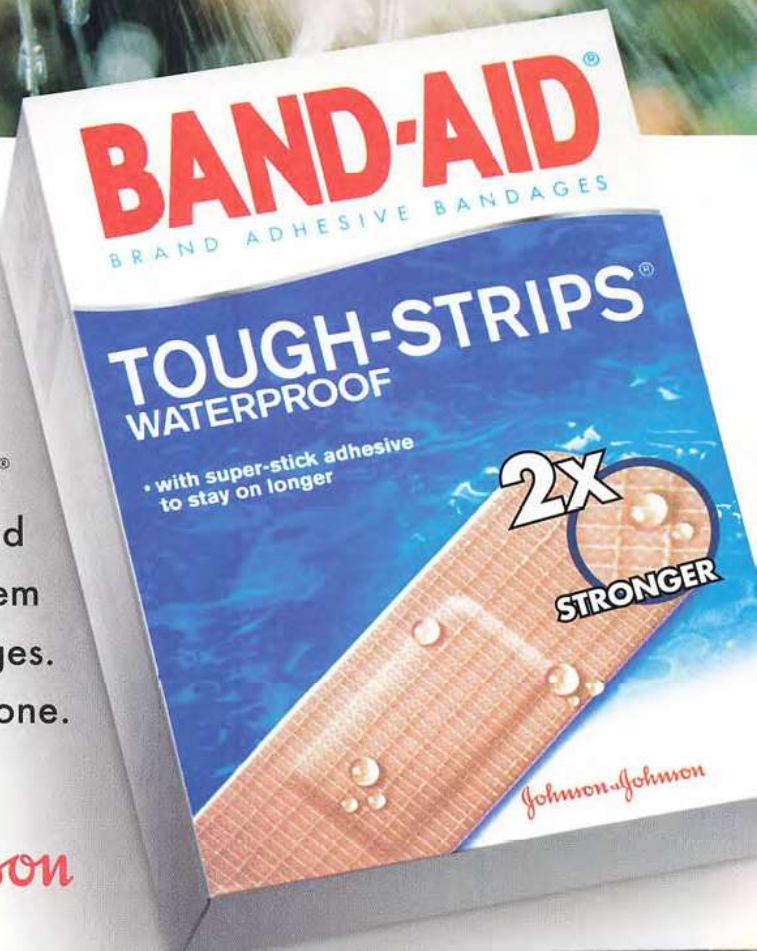

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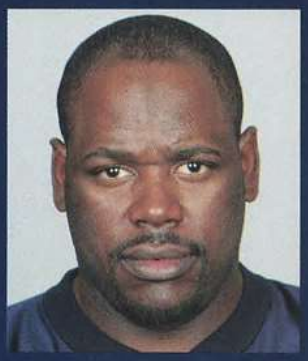
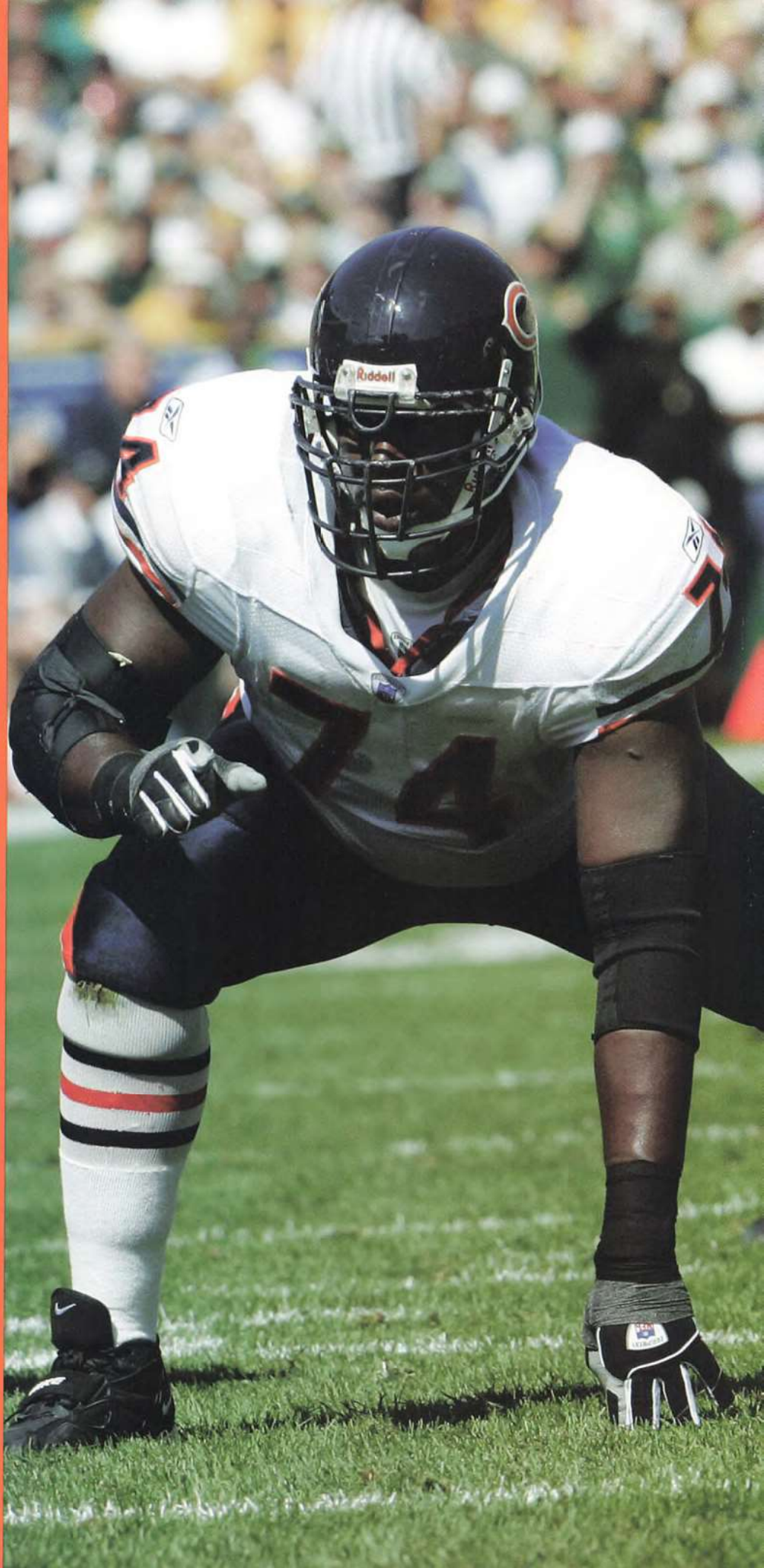


74

Guard

Height: 6′ 3″
Weight: 300
Age: 33
College: Pittsburgh
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 11

Quick Hits:
As a kid, Ruben rooted for Julius Erving (Dr. J) and has owned Philadelphia 76ers season tickets for the last six seasons.



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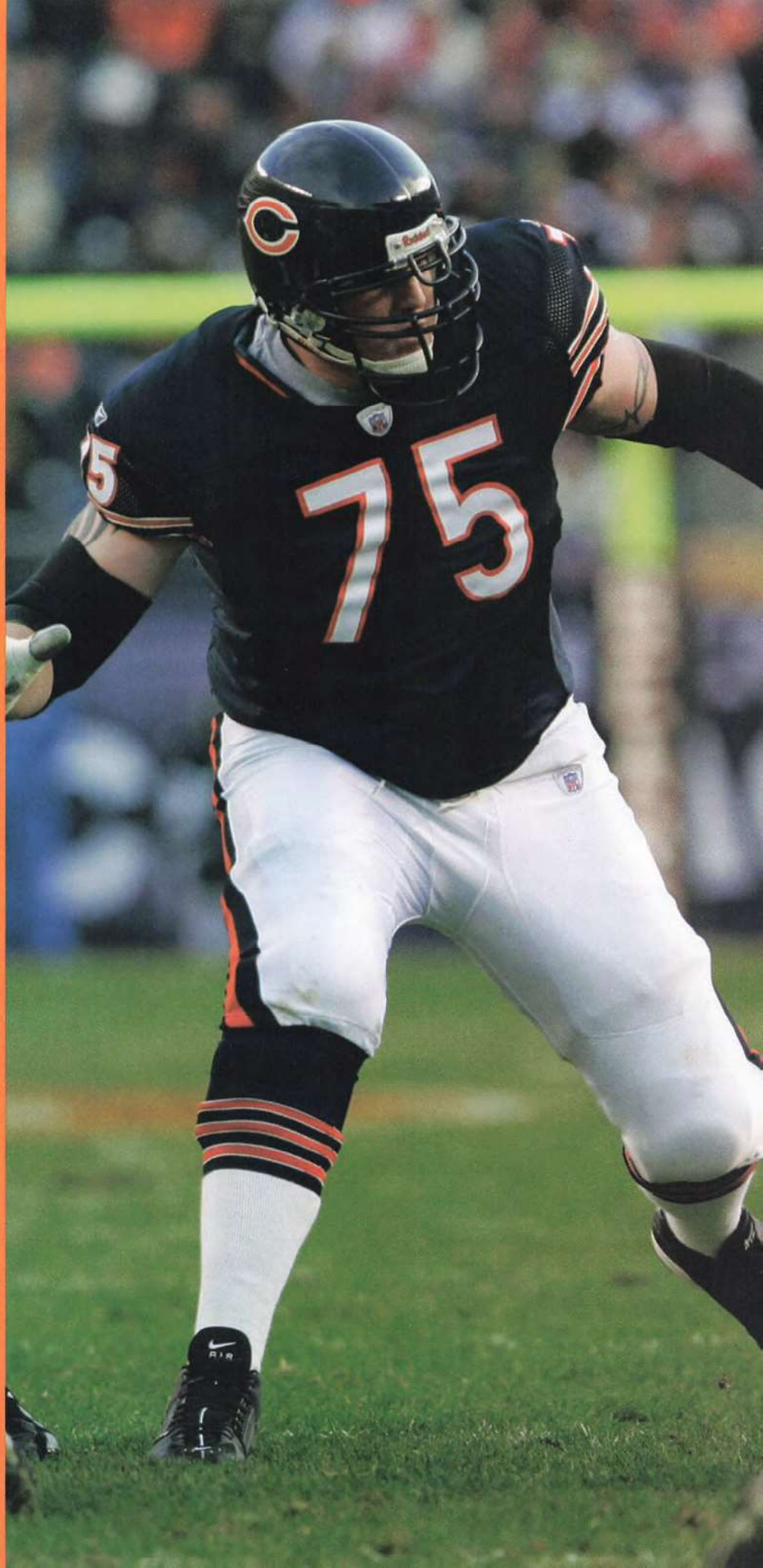
MARC COLOMBO

75

Tackle

Height: 6′ 8″
Weight: 317
Age: 26
College: Boston College
Seasons with Bears: 4
Seasons with NFL: 4

Quick Hits:
Marc plays electric guitar in a heavy metal band named "MERCS."



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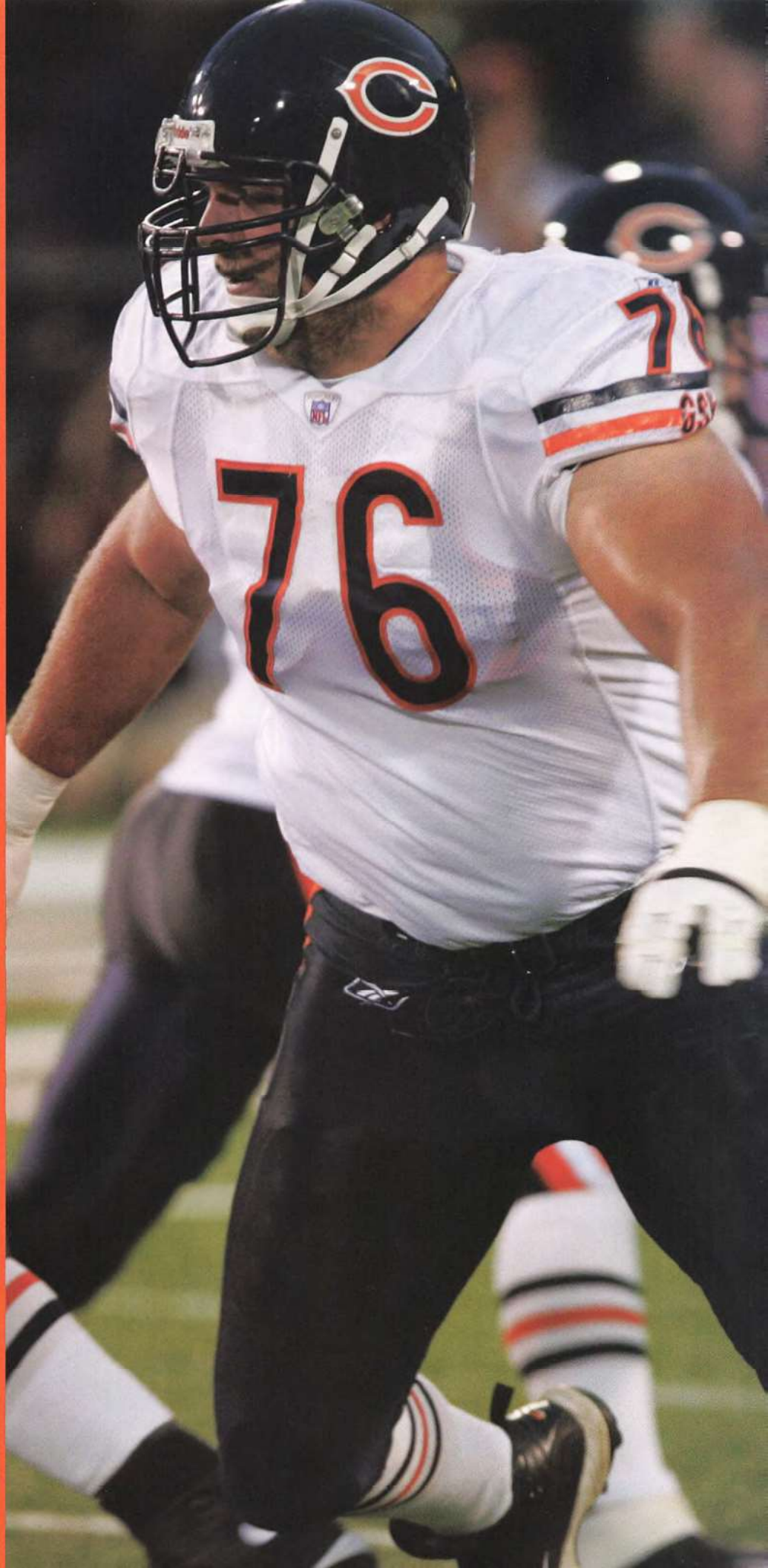
JOHN TAIT

76

Tackle

Height: 6′ 6″
Weight: 315
Age: 30
College: Brigham Young
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 7

Quick Hits:
Playing with Kansas City in 2002, John's 28-yard run off a lateral from quarterback Trent Green on the final play set up a game-winning field goal against Cleveland.



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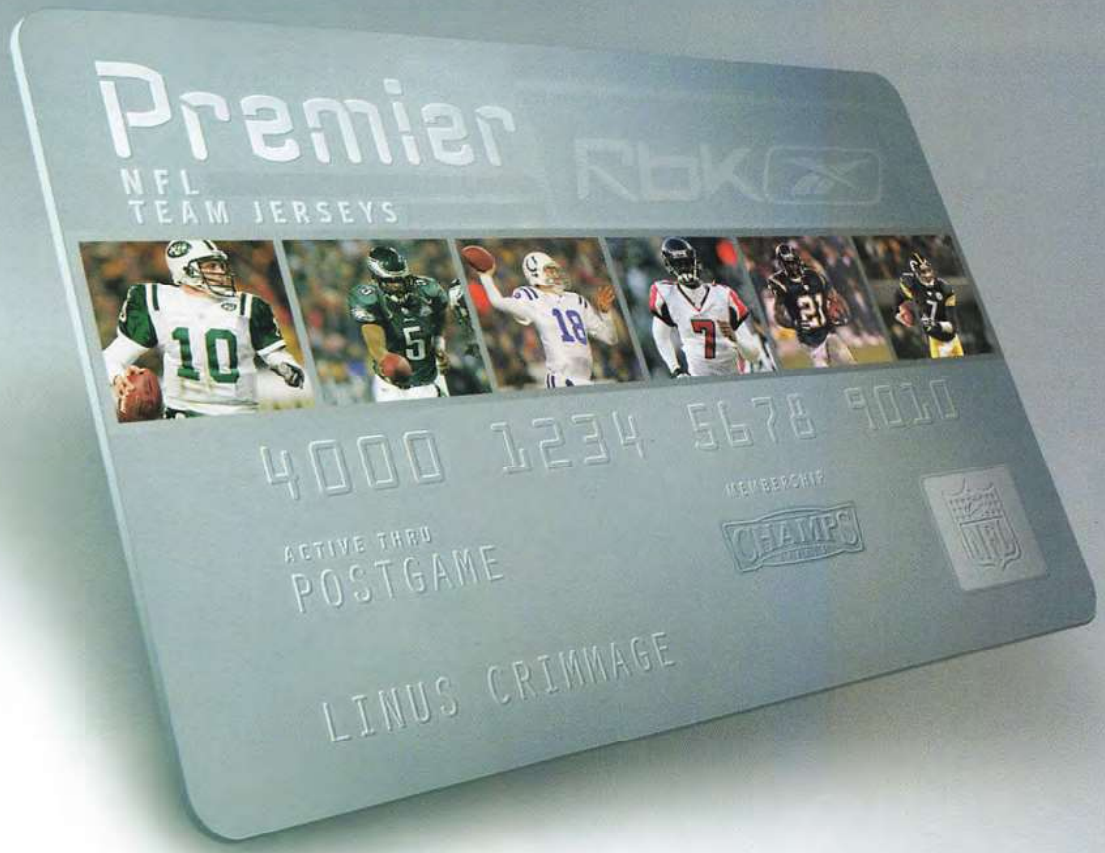
STEVE EDWARDS

79

Tackle/Guard

Height: 6′ 5″
Weight: 330
Age: 26
College: Central Florida
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 3

Quick Hits:
A Chicago native, Steve helped lead Mount Carmel High School to an Illinois state championship in 1996.



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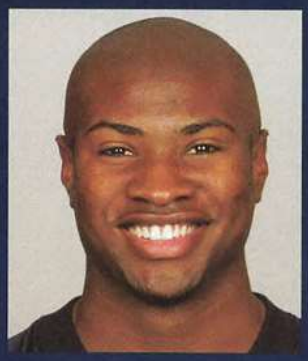
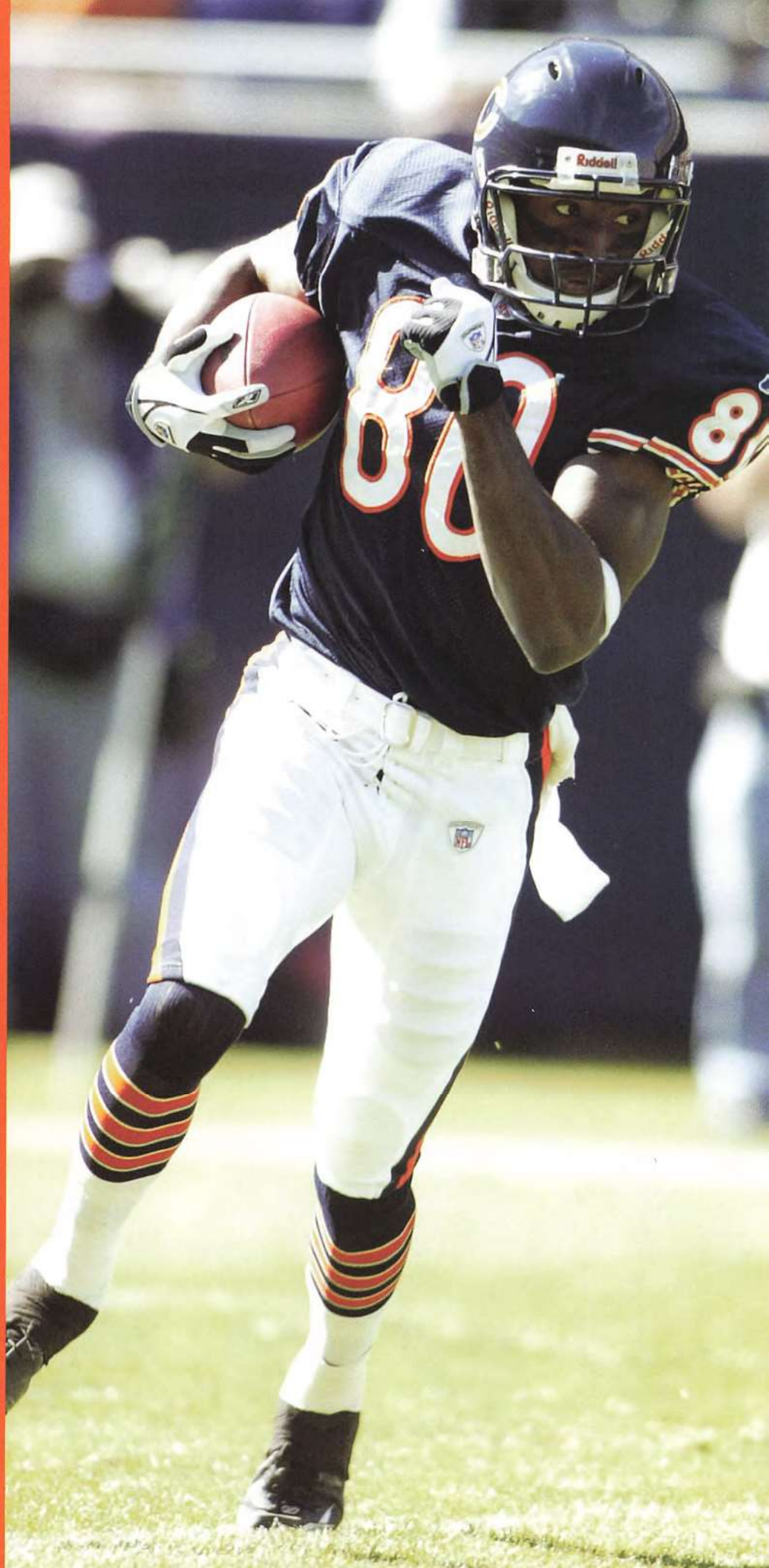


80

Wide Receiver

Height: 6′ 1″
Weight: 180
Age: 24
College: Fresno State
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 2

Quick Hits:
Though he grew up in California, Bernard was born at the Torrejon Air Force Base in Spain.



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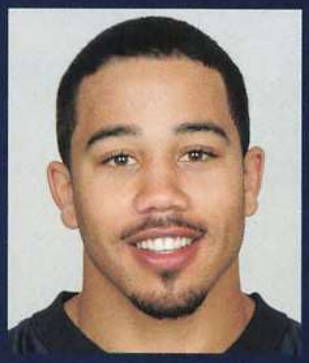
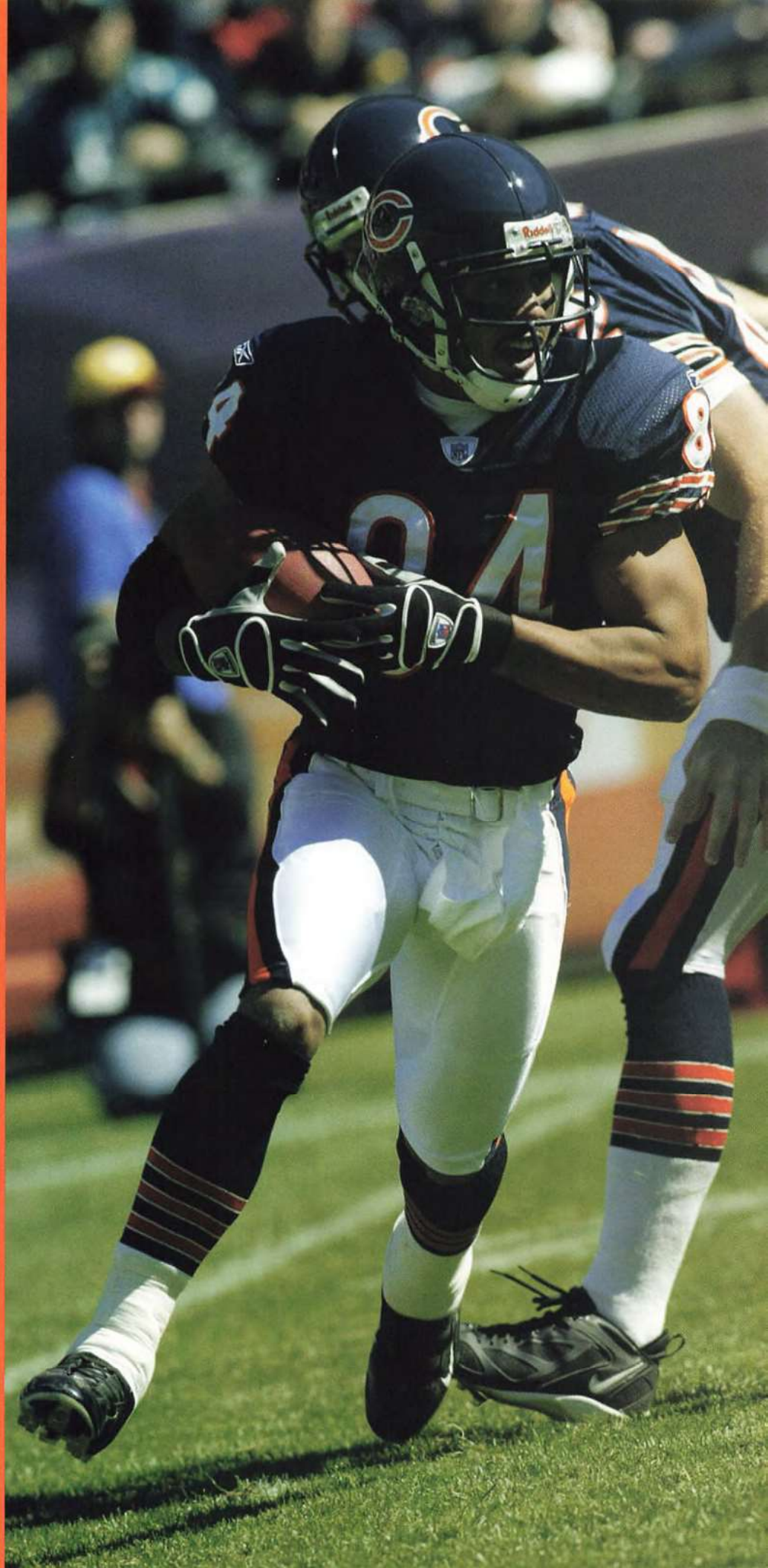


84

Wide Receiver

Height: 5′ 10″
Weight: 186
Age: 24
College: Arizona
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 3

Quick Hits:
Although he grew up in Phoenix, Bobby is an avid snowboarder.



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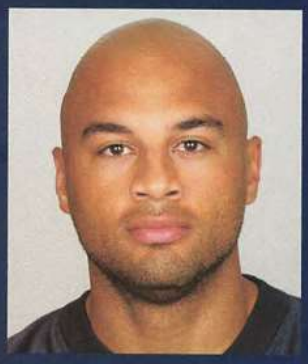
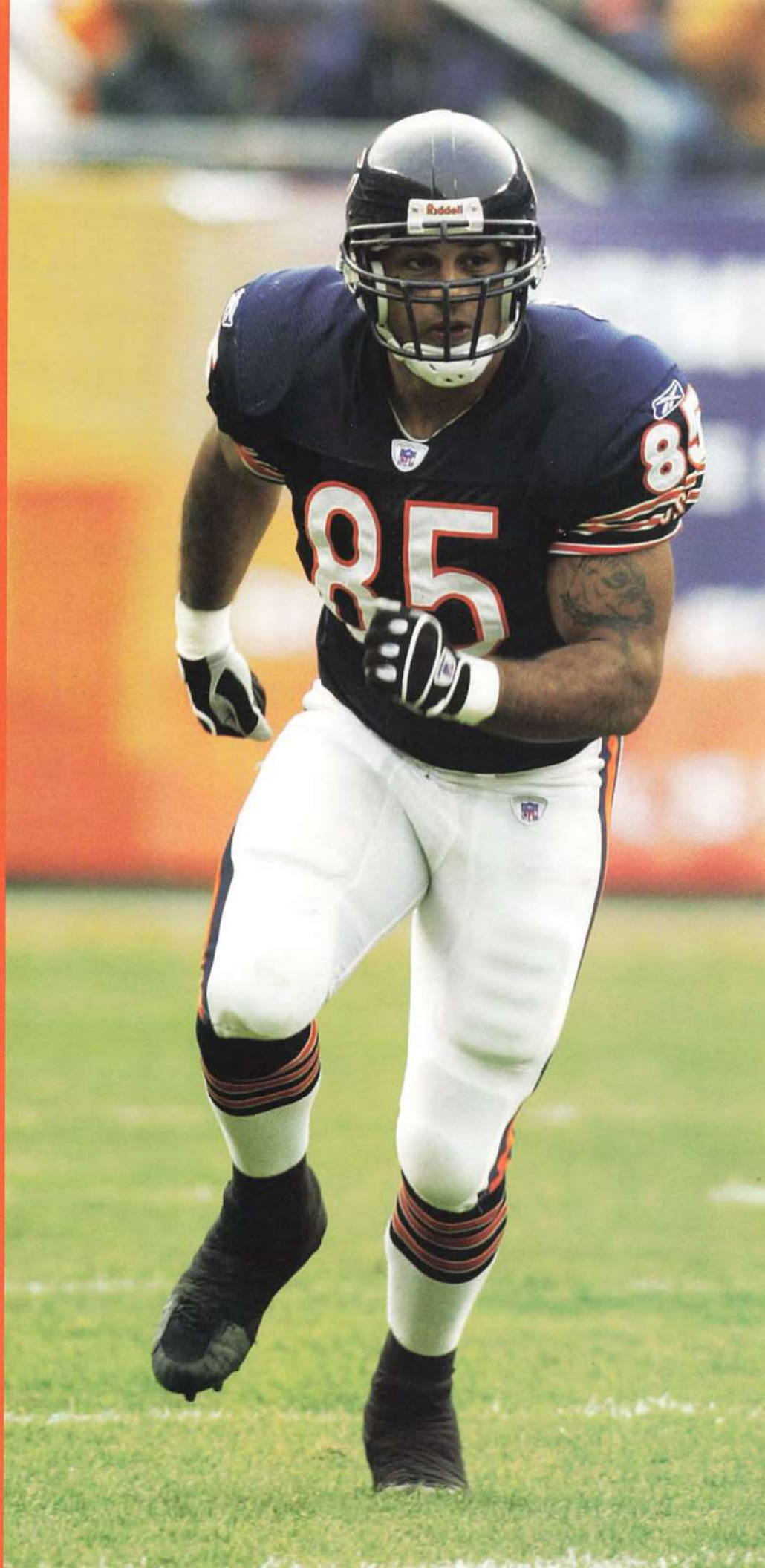


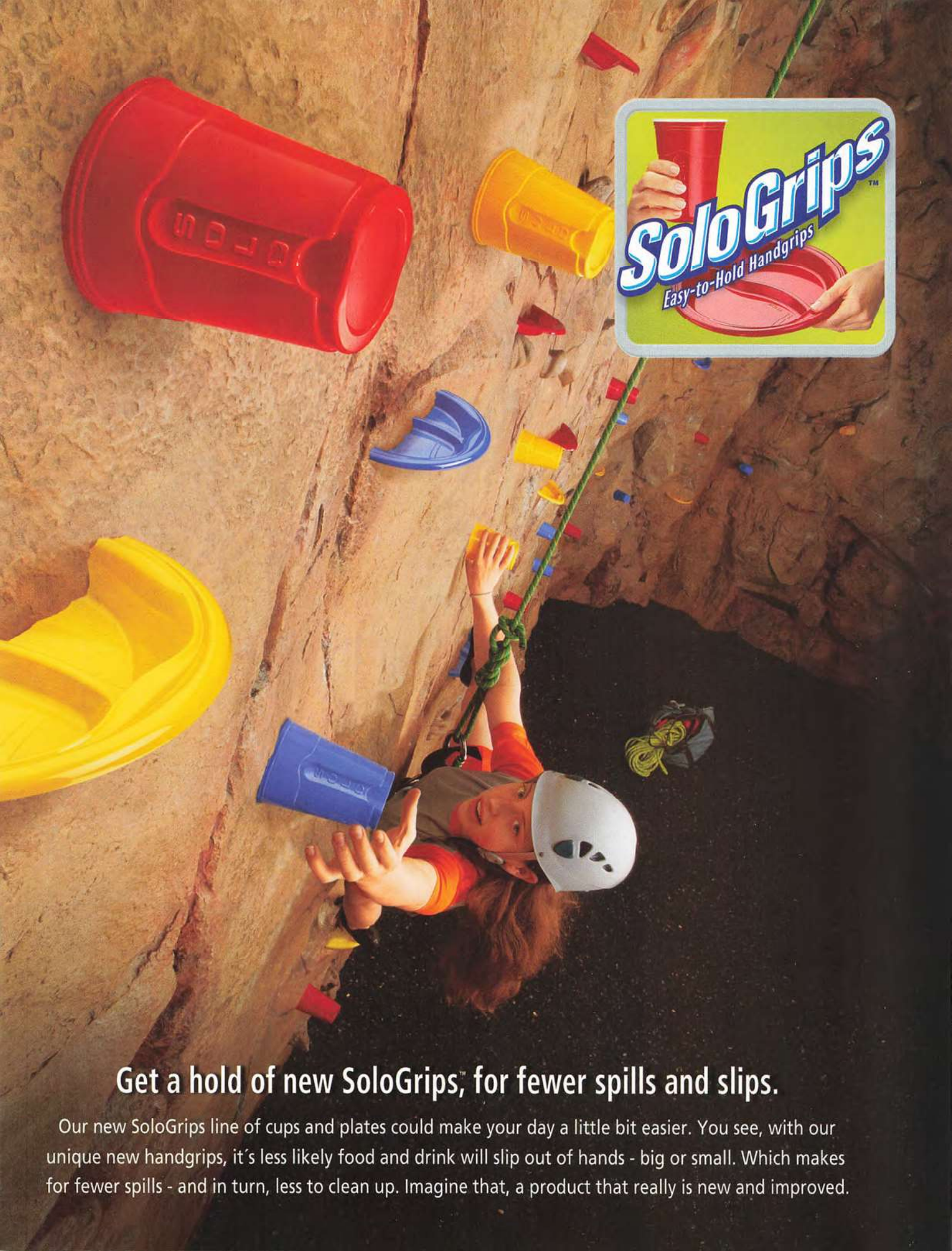
85

Tight End

Height: 6′ 5″
Weight: 260
Age: 25
College: Penn State
Seasons with Bears: 4
Seasons with NFL: 4

Quick Hits:
John was an all-state javelin thrower at Wilson High School in West Lawn, Pennsylvania.





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EDDIE BERLIN

86

Wide Receiver

Height: 5′ 11″
Weight: 195
Age: 27
College: Northern Iowa
Seasons with Bears: 1
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Quick Hits:
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87

Wide Receiver

Height: 6′ 2″
Weight: 215
Age: 32
College: Michigan State
Seasons with Bears: 1
Seasons with NFL: 10

Quick Hits:
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88

Tight End

Height: 6′ 3″
Weight: 254
Age: 28
College: Wake Forest
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 7

Quick Hits:
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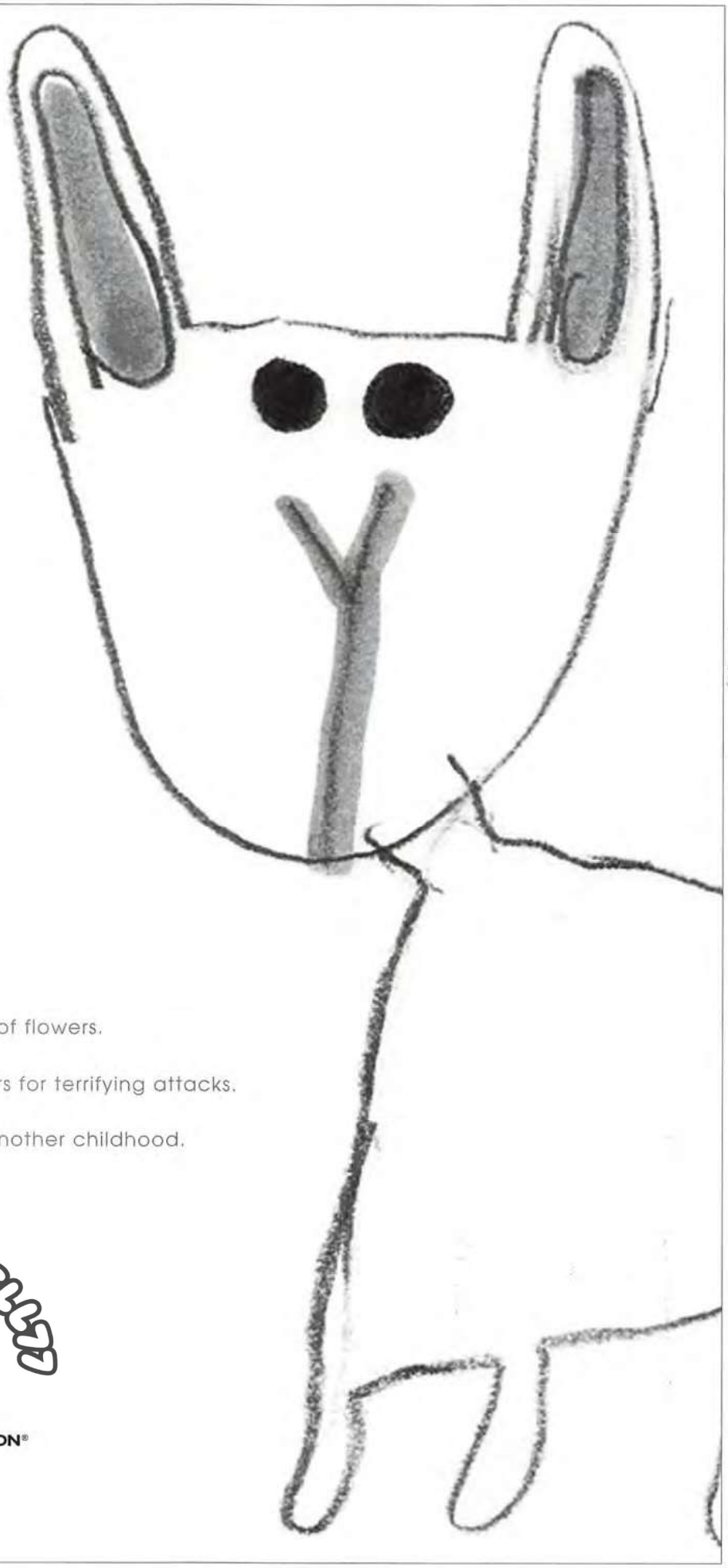
DUSTIN LYMAN

89

Tight End

Height: 6′ 5″
Weight: 254
Age: 28
College: Wake Forest
Seasons with Bears: 6
Seasons with NFL: 6

Quick Hits:
Dustin played one season of college baseball and was named Wake Forest's Athlete of the Year in 1999.



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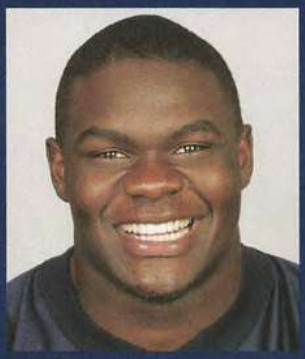
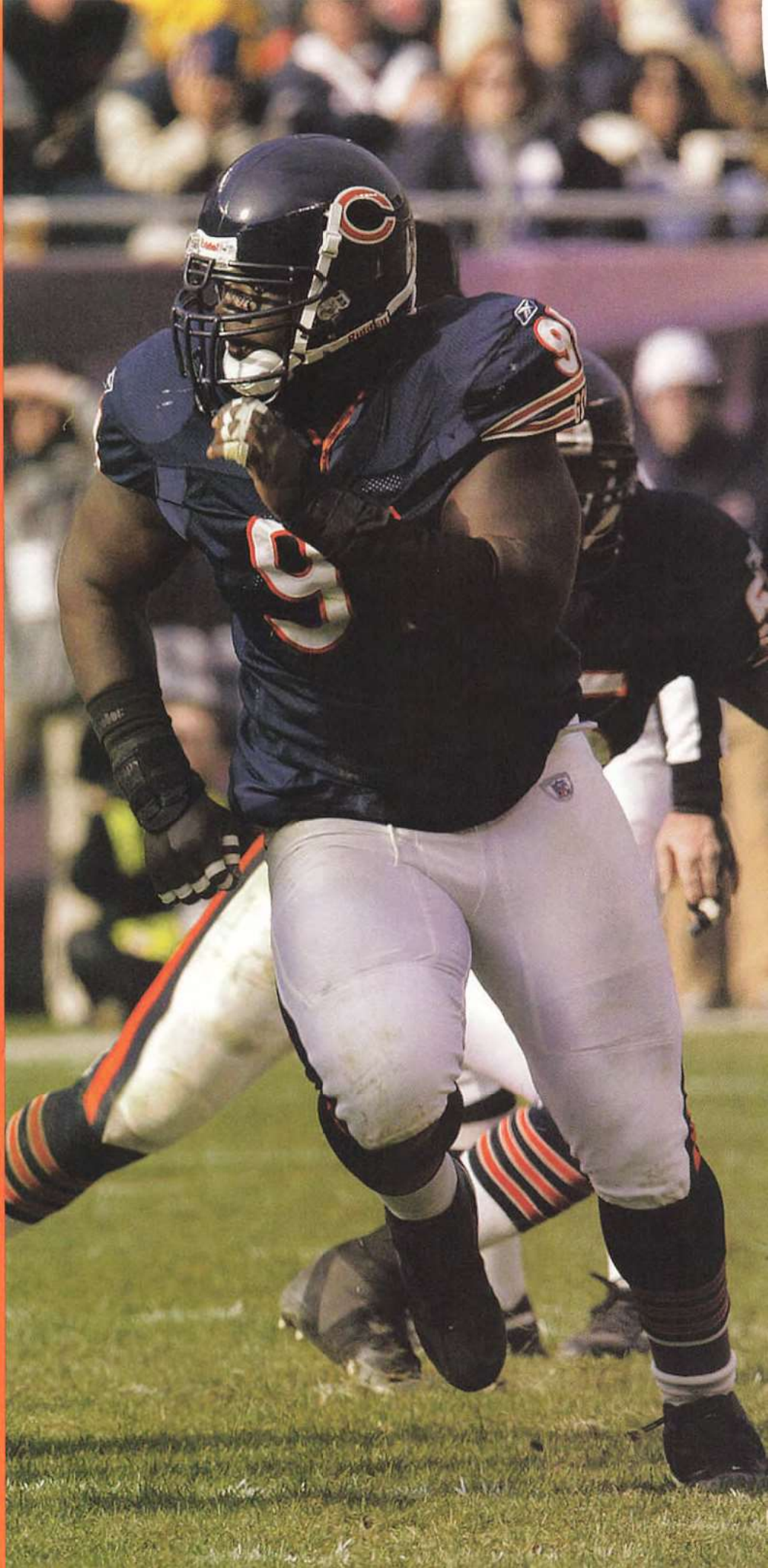


91

Defensive Tackle

Height: 6′ 3″
Weight: 300
Age: 22
College: Oklahoma
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 2

Quick Hits:
Tommie was the rookie recipient of the 2004 Brian Piccolo Award as voted by his teammates.



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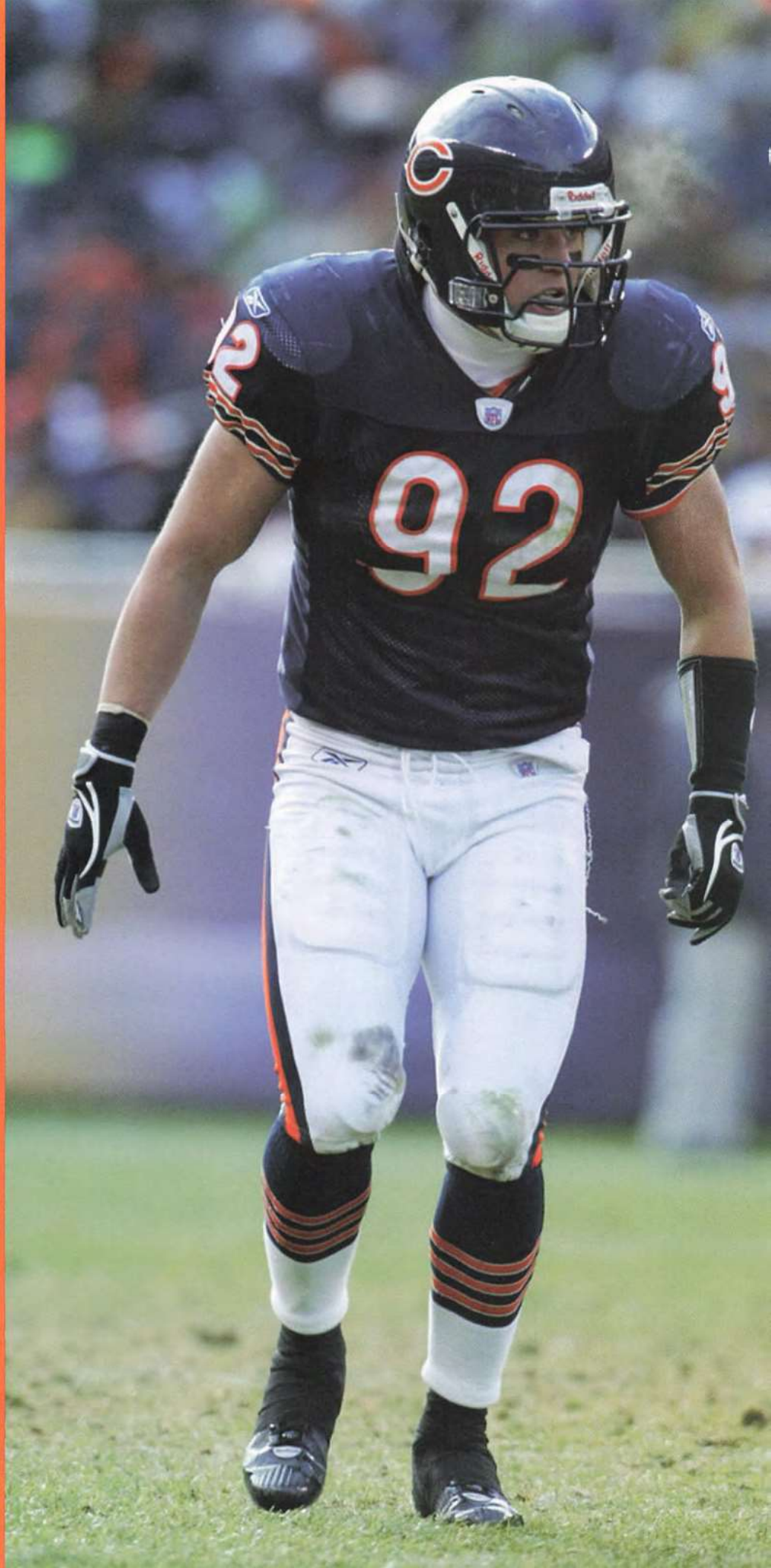
HUNTER HILLENMEYER

92

Linebacker

Height: 6′ 4″
Weight: 238
Age: 24
College: Vanderbilt
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 3

Quick Hits:
Hunter's older brother, Taylor, played golf at the University of Miami and later on the Nike Tour.



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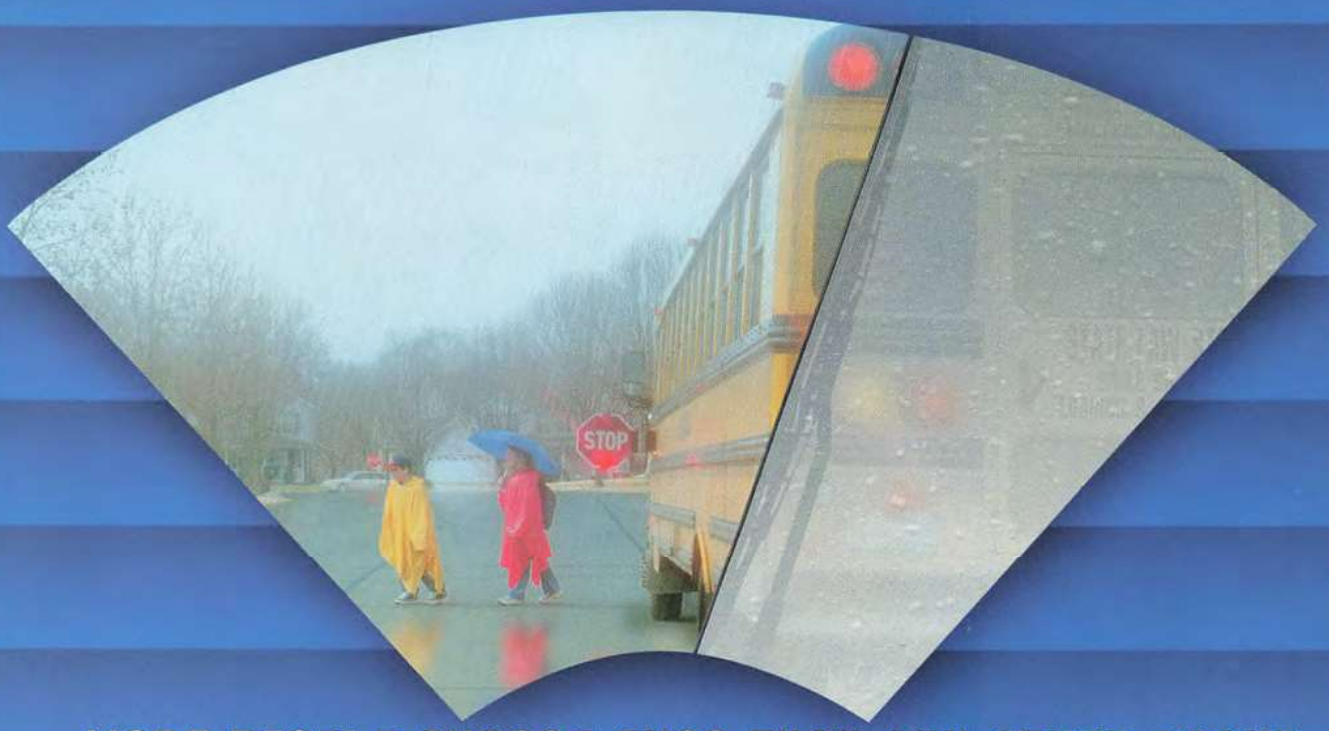

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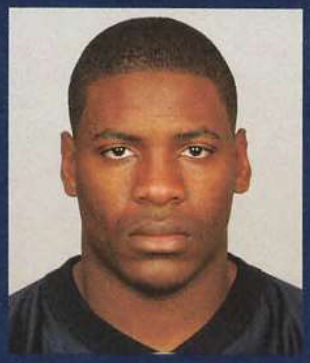

93

Defensive End

Height: 6′ 4″
Weight: 260
Age: 27
College: Indiana
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 5

Quick Hits:
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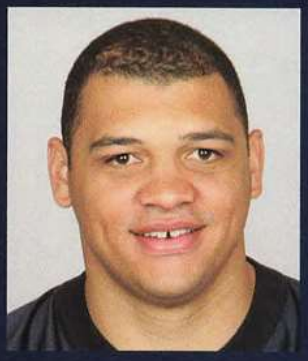
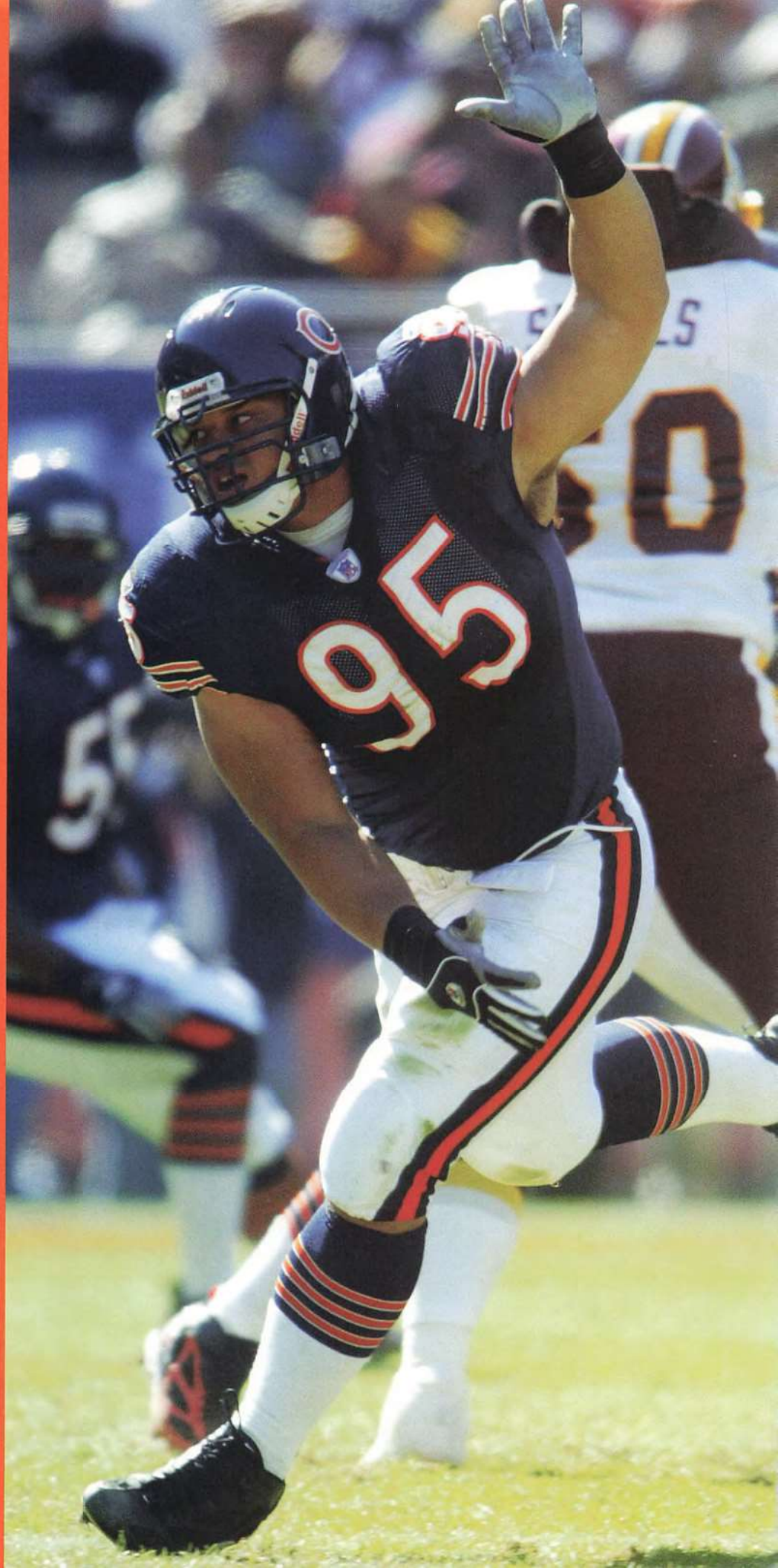


95

Defensive Tackle

Height: 6' 3"
Weight: 302
Age: 23
College: Florida
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 3

Quick Hits:
Ian was the valedictorian of his class at Gainesville (Florida) High School and also a member of the National Honors Society.



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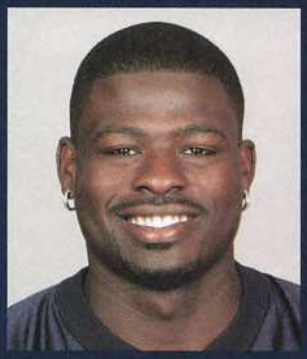
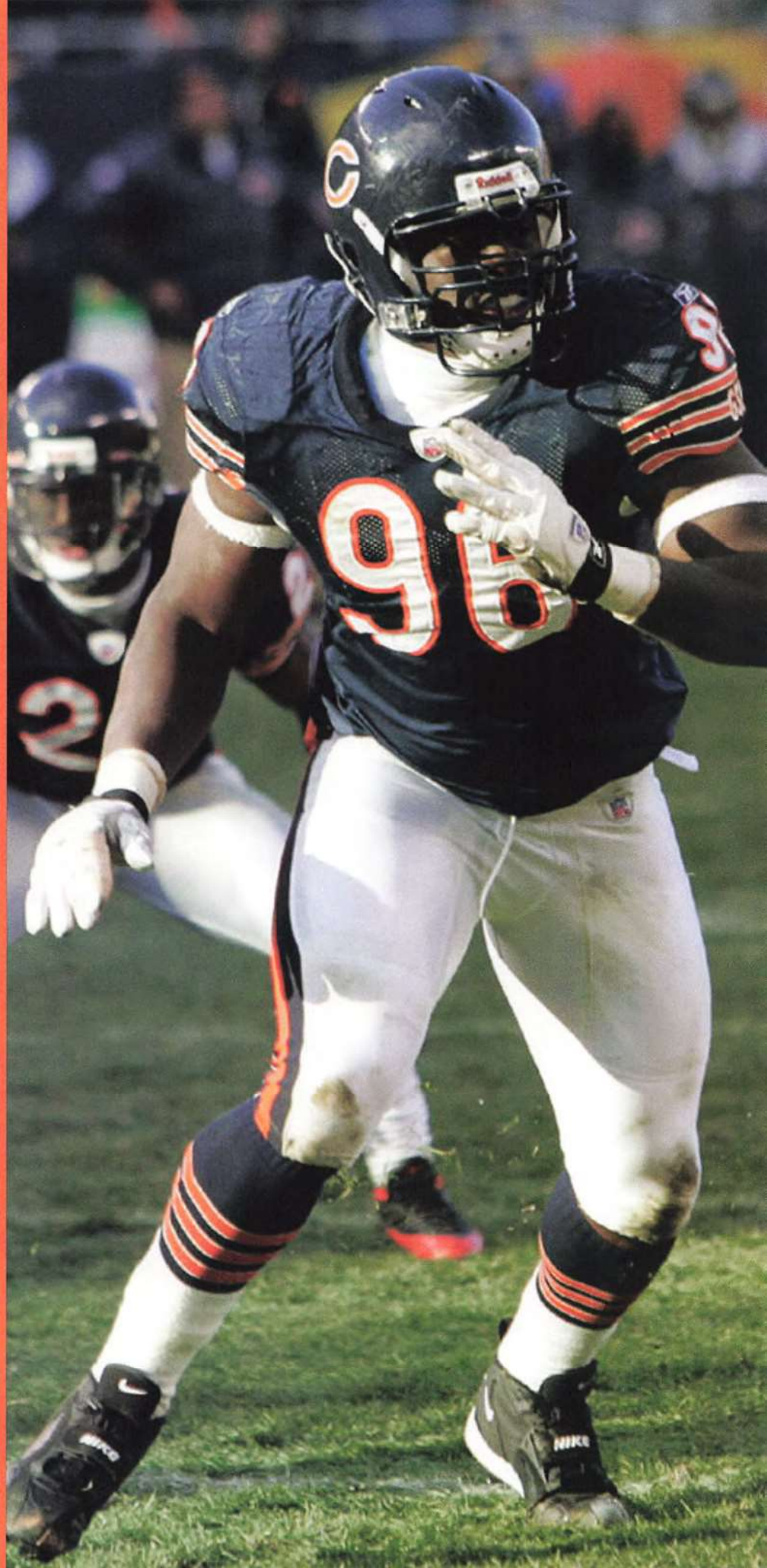


96

Defensive End

Height: 6′ 3″
Weight: 260
Age: 26
College: Florida
Seasons with Bears: 4
Seasons with NFL: 4

Quick Hits:
Alex is a movie buff who owns more than 300 films on DVD.



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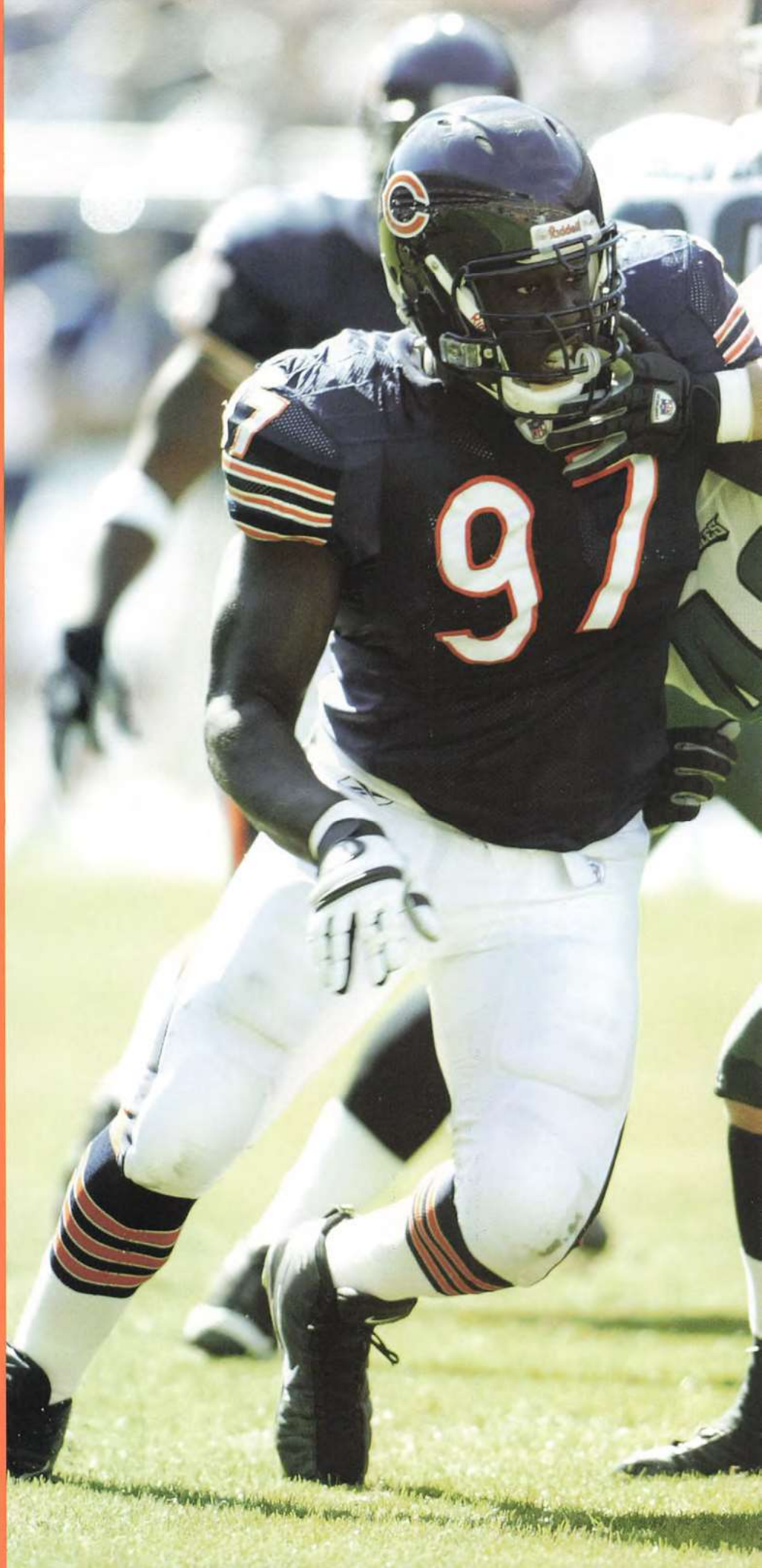
MICHAEL HAYNES

97

Defensive End

Height: 6′ 4″
Weight: 274
Age: 24
College: Penn State
Seasons with Bears: 3
Seasons with NFL: 3

Quick Hits:
Michael played football, soccer and volleyball at Balboa High School in Panama City, Panama.



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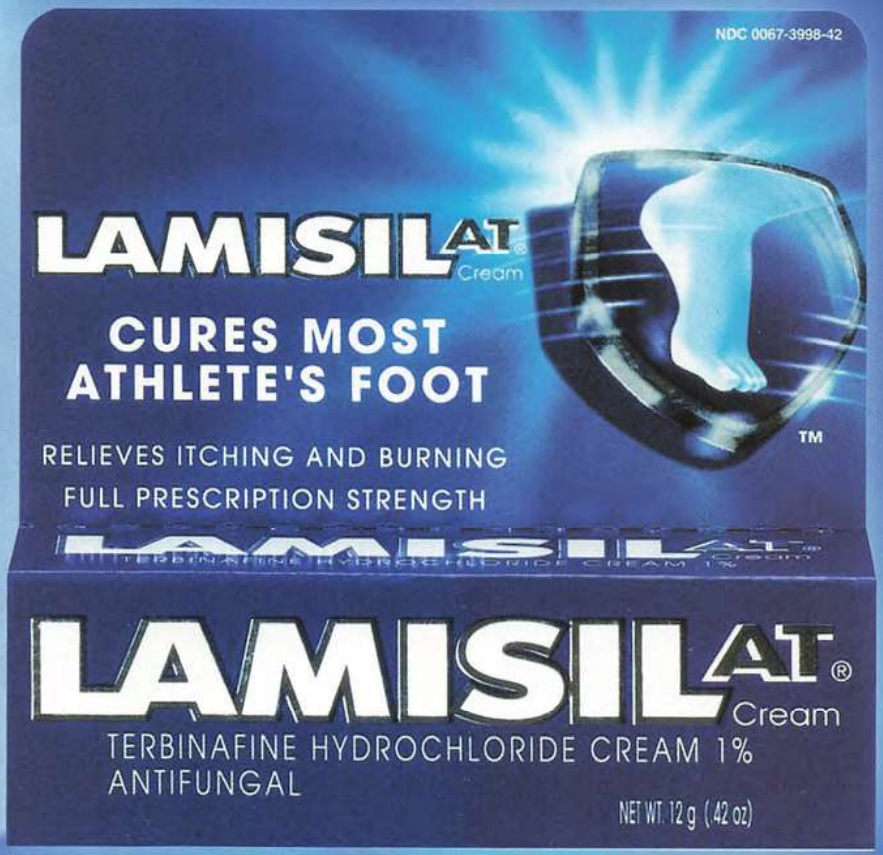

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TANK JOHNSON

99

Defensive Tackle

Height: 6′ 3″
Weight: 300
Age: 23
College: Washington
Seasons with Bears: 2
Seasons with NFL: 2

Quick Hits:
Tank turned down a volleyball scholarship from Pepperdine University to go to the University of Washington to play football.

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CEDRIC BENSON

32

Running Back

Height: 5′ 11″
Weight: 220
Age: 22
College: Texas
Drafted: 1st Round
4th Overall

Quick Hits:
Cedric played two seasons of minor league baseball in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization.

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MARK BRADLEY

16

Wide Receiver

Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 200
Age: 23
College: Oklahoma
Drafted: 2nd Round
39th Overall

Quick Hits:
Mark's agent is his father, Danny, a quarterback at the University of Oklahoma from 1981-84 who played briefly in the NFL.

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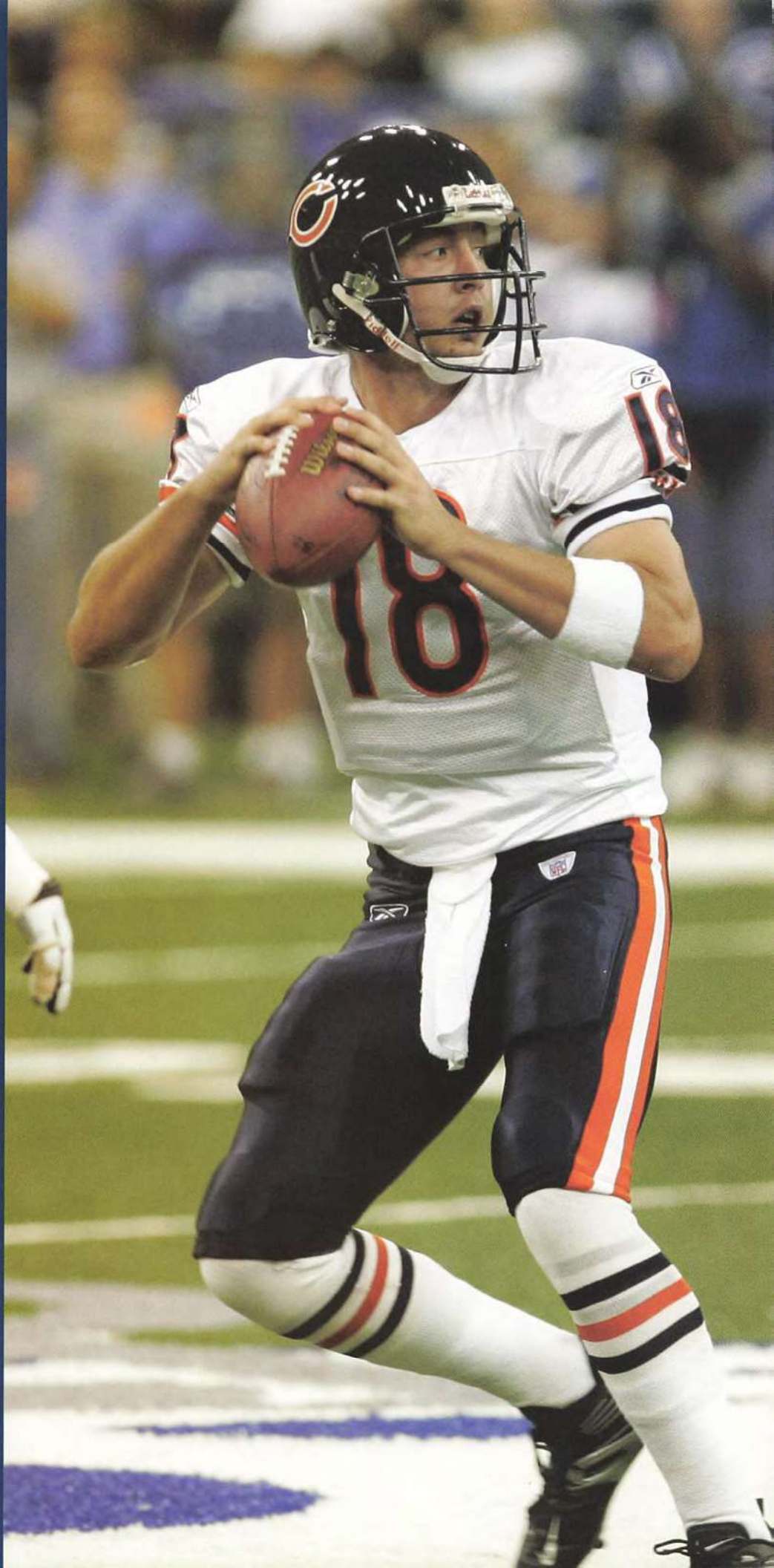
KYLE ORTON

18

Quarterback

Height: 6' 4"
Weight: 223
Age: 22
College: Purdue
Drafted: 4th Round
106th Overall

Quick Hits:
Kyle named his dog "Elaine" after the character played by Julia Louise-Dreyfus on the popular TV show "Seinfeld."



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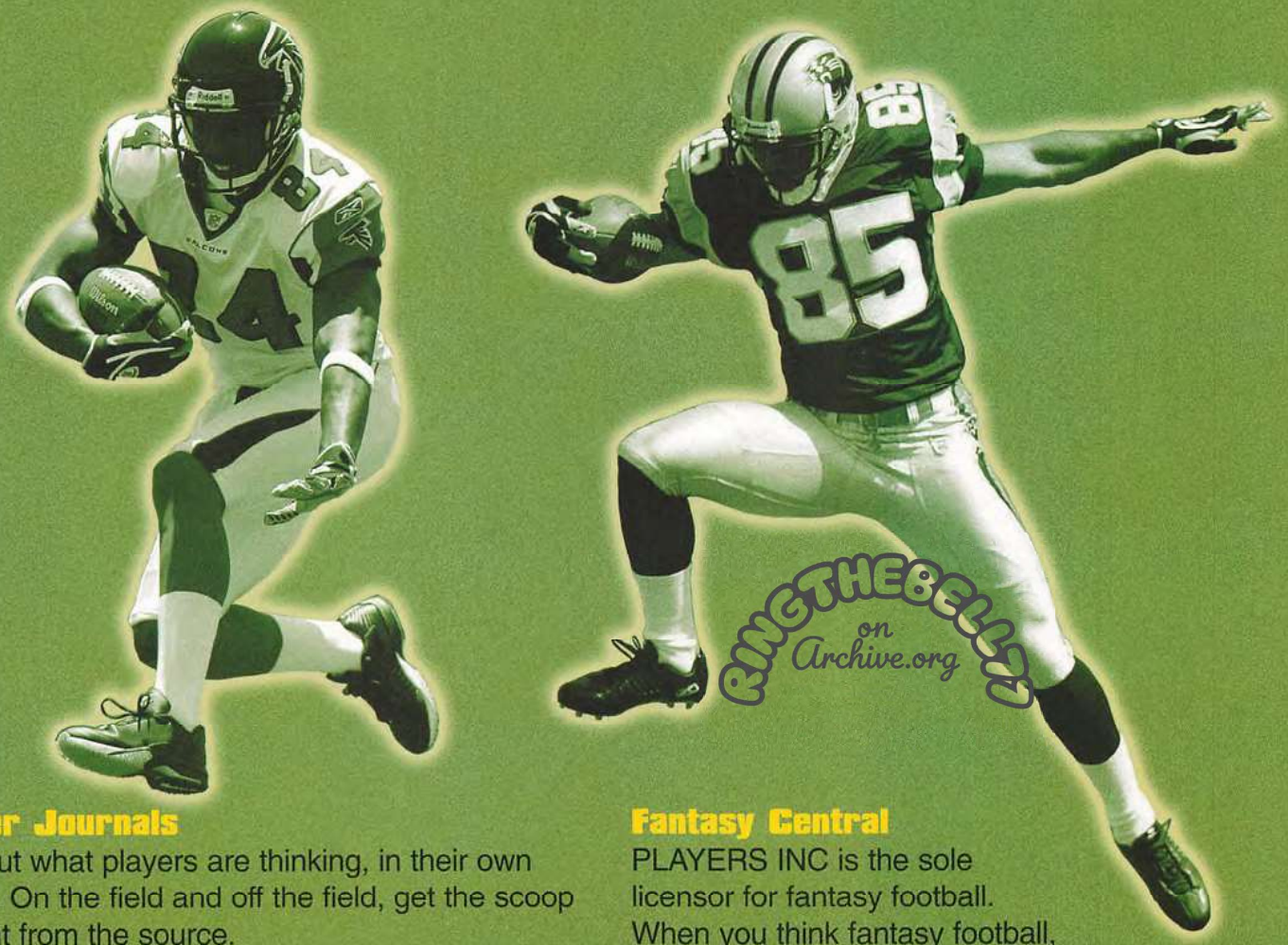

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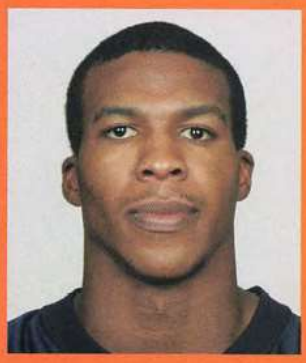
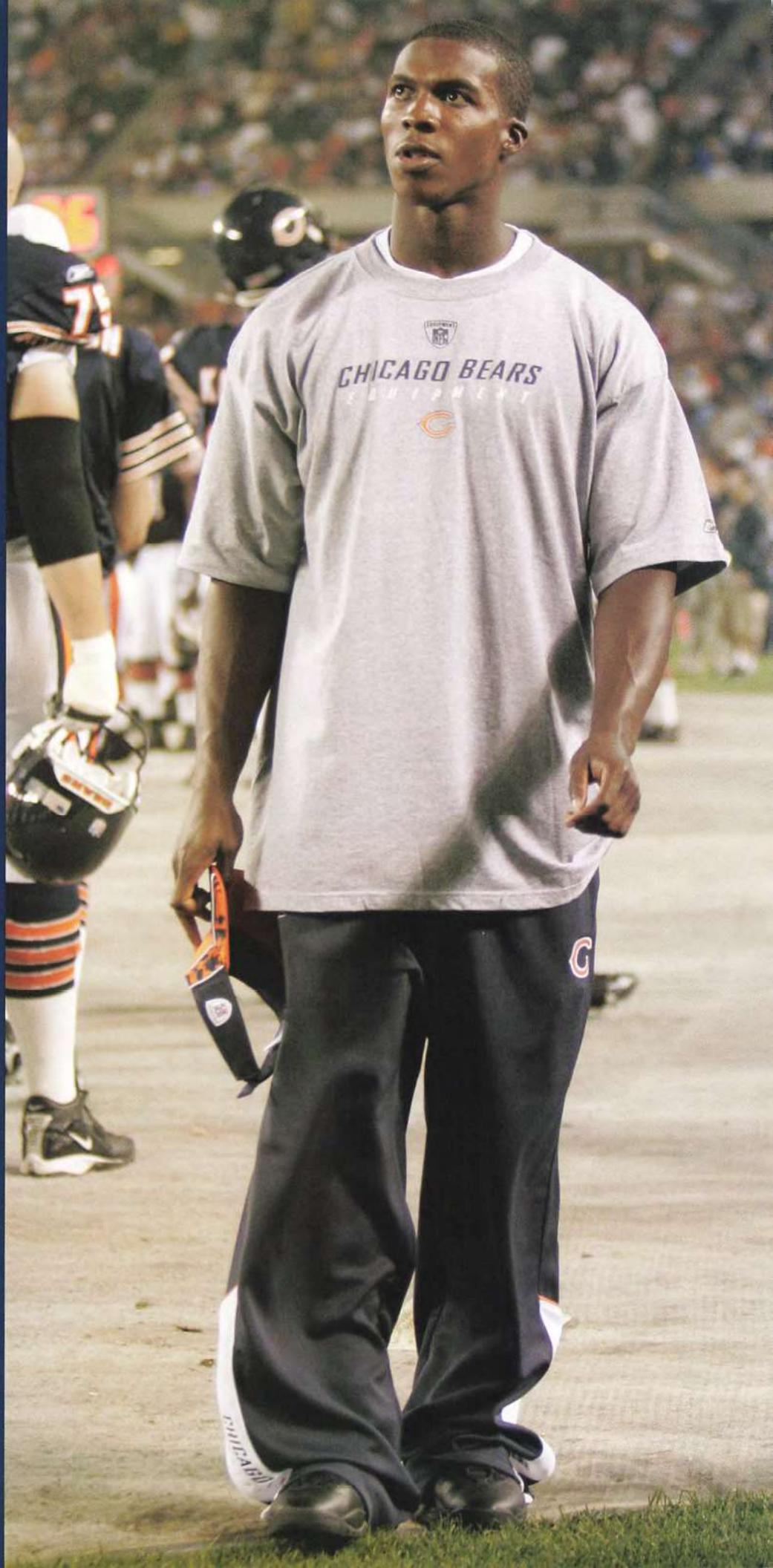


17

Wide Receiver

Height: 5′ 11″
Weight: 185
Age: 22
College: Clemson
Drafted: 5th Round
140th Overall

Quick Hits:
Airese collects classic model cars including a '54 Impala, a '56 Cadillac and a '67 Impala.



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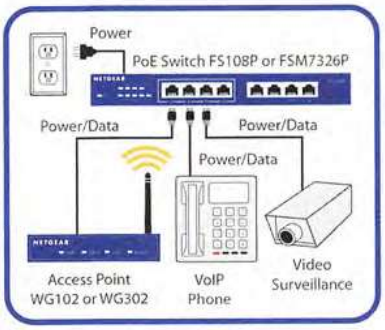

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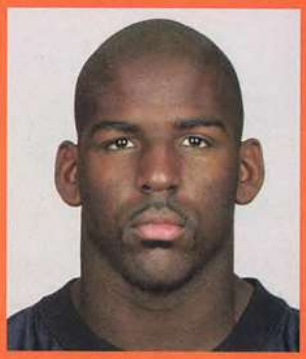
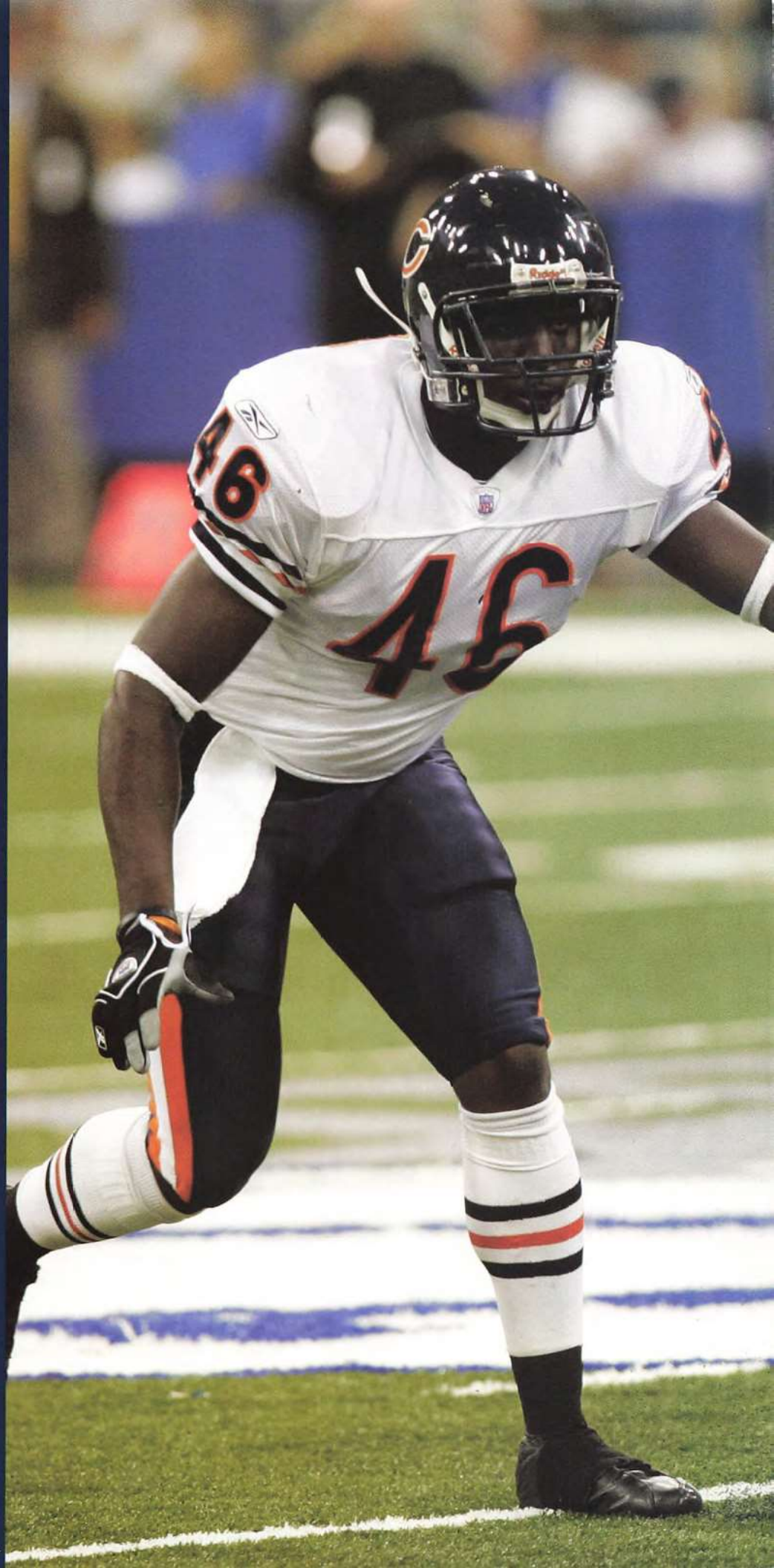


46

Safety

Height: 6' 0"
Weight: 205
Age: 22
College: Louisiana-Monroe
Drafted: 6th Round
181st Overall

Quick Hits:
Playing trumpet in the school band, Chris didn't join his high school football team until his senior year.



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ROD WILSON

64

Linebacker

Height: 6' 2"
Weight: 217
Age: 23
College: South Carolina
Drafted: 7th Round
220th Overall

Quick Hits:
Rod was a high school quarterback who played wide receiver as a freshman at South Carolina before switching to defense.

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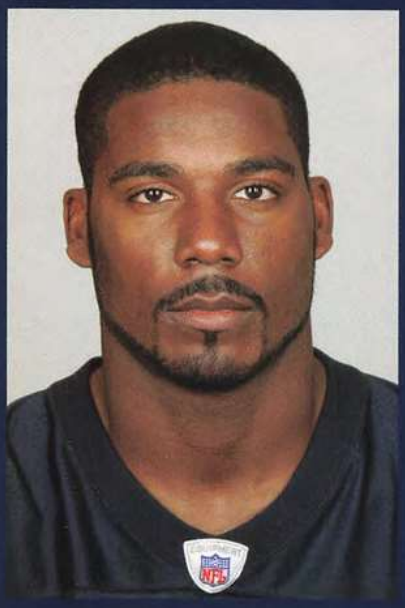

11
Tight End

Height: 6′ 2″
Weight: 233
Age: 25
Pro Experience: 3

RON JOHNSON

19
Wide Receiver

Height: 6′ 0″
Weight: 182
Age: 24
Pro Experience: 1

CARL FORD

27
Cornerback

Height: 6′ 2″
Weight: 190
Age: 24
Pro Experience: 2

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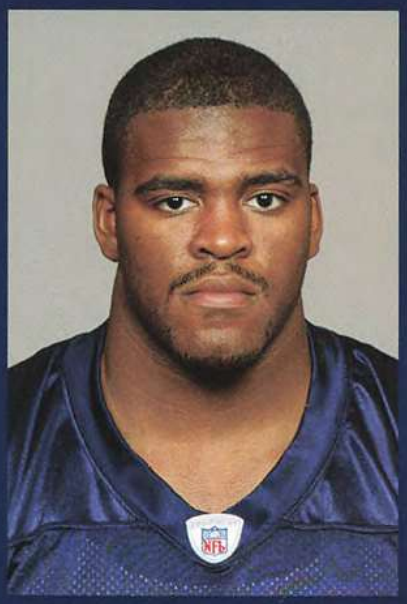

36
Running Back

Height: 5′ 10″
Weight: 220
Age: 25
Pro Experience: 1

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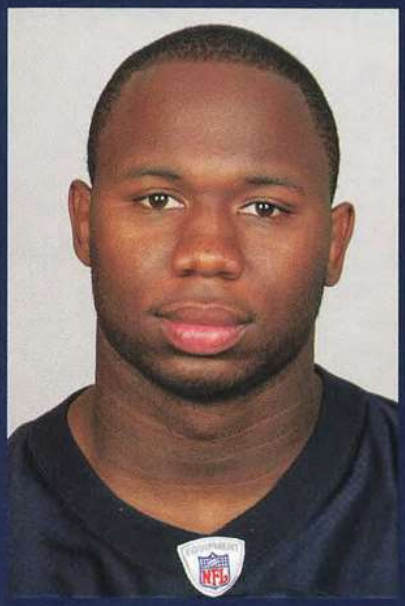

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Fullback

Height: 6′ 0″
Weight: 232
Age: 24
Pro Experience: 1

KEITH BELTON

67

Defensive End

Height: 6′ 4″
Weight: 290
Age: 24
Pro Experience: 1

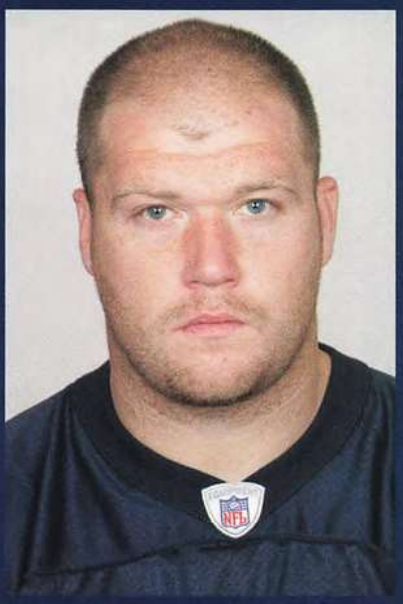
DARRELL CAMBELL

73

Tackle

Height: 6′ 6″
Weight: 302
Age: 24
Pro Experience: 1

ROB DROEGE



78

Tackle

Height: 6′ 4″
Weight: 300
Age: 24
Pro Experience: 1

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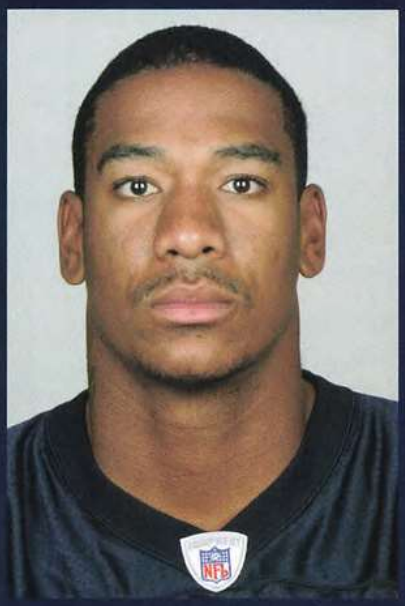

83
Tight End

Height: 6′ 5″
Weight: 260
Age: 26
Pro Experience: 4

DARNELL SANDERS

90
Defensive End

Height: 6′ 4″
Weight: 260
Age: 25
Pro Experience: 1

QUINN DORSEY

94
Defensive End

Height: 6′ 4″
Weight: 262
Age: 25
Pro Experience: 2

ALAIN KASHAMA

98
Defensive End

Height: 6′ 2″
Weight: 250
Age: 23
Pro Experience: 3

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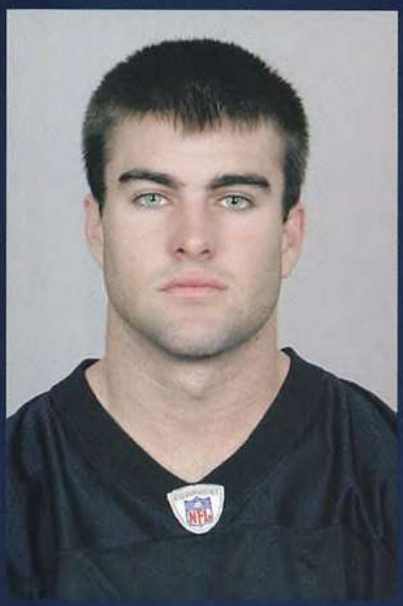

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Quarterback

Height: 6′ 1″
Weight: 190
Age: 24
Pro Experience: 1

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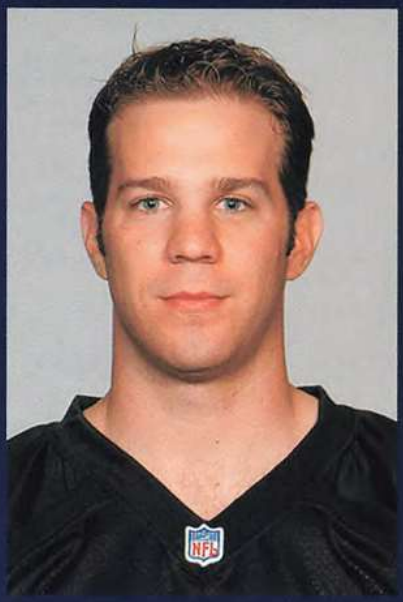

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Quarterback

Height: 6′ 2″
Weight: 211
Age: 25
Pro Experience: 2

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KURT KITTNER

38

Running Back

Height: 5′ 8″
Weight: 229
Age: 25
Pro Experience: 1

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ZACK ABRON

58

Center

Height: 6′ 4″
Weight: 295
Age: 25
Pro Experience: 1

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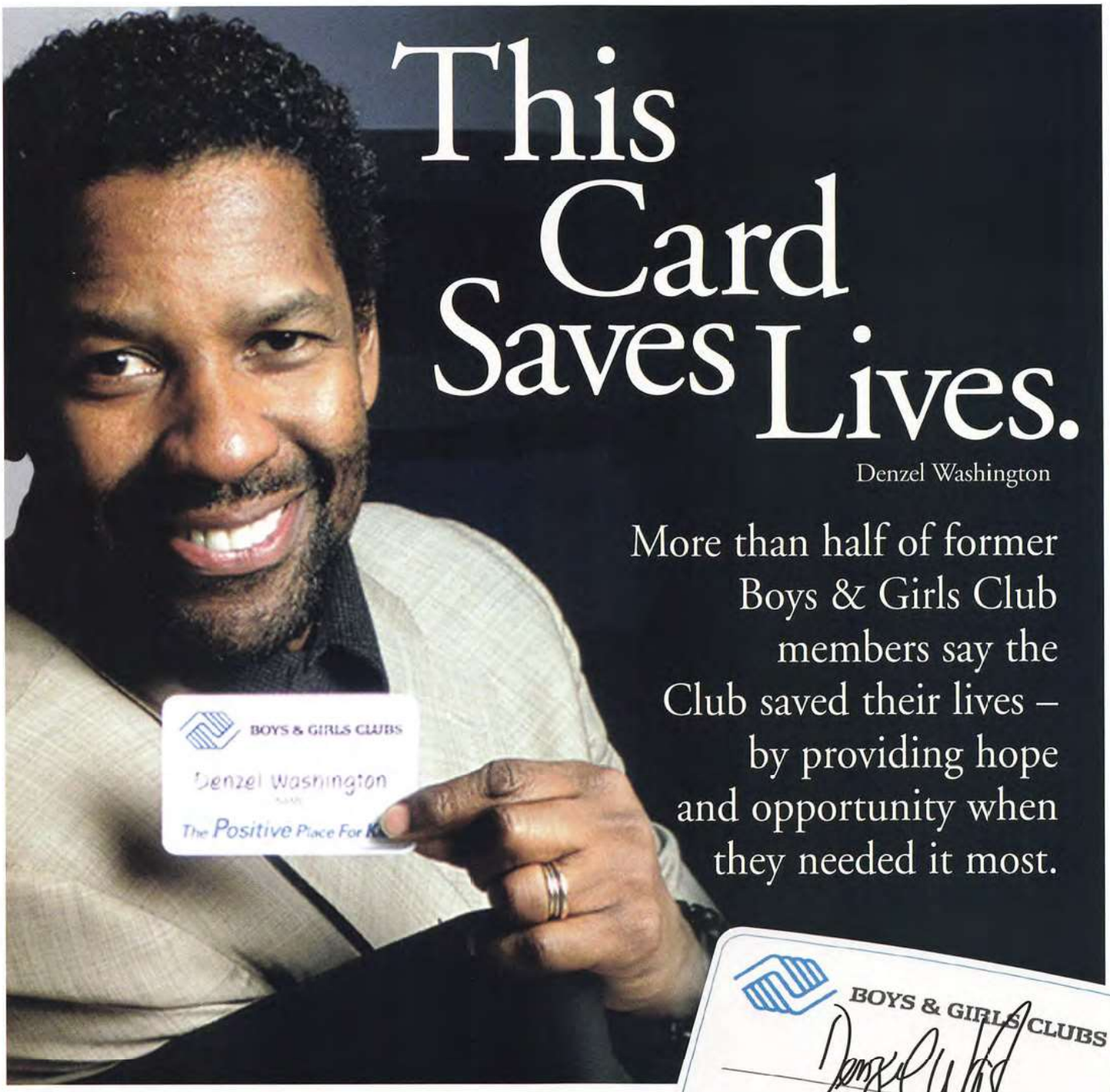
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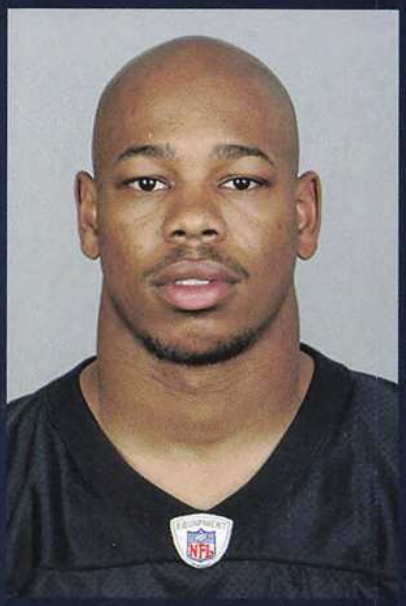

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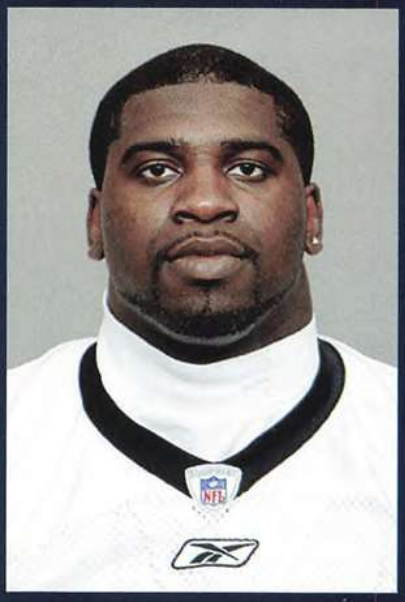

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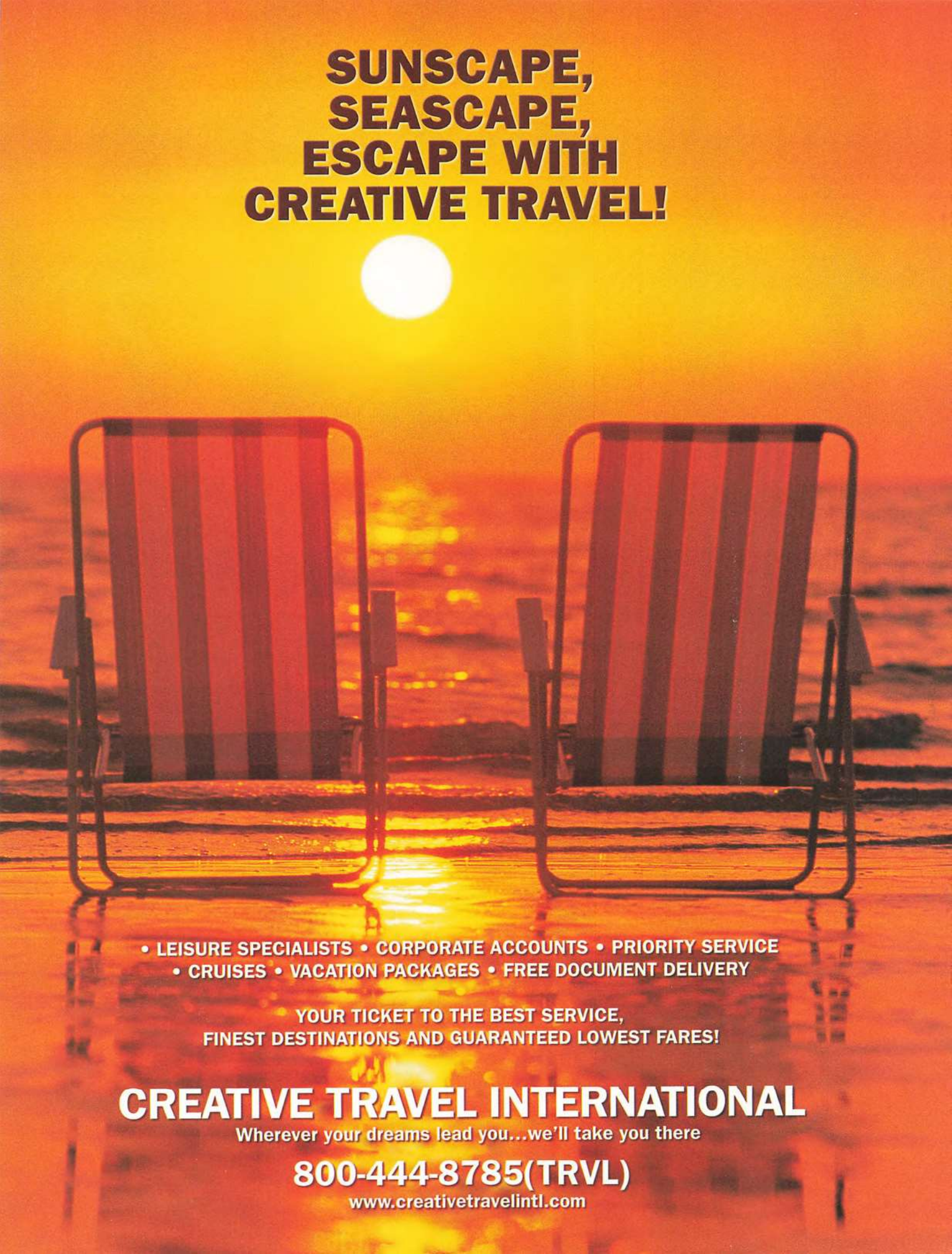
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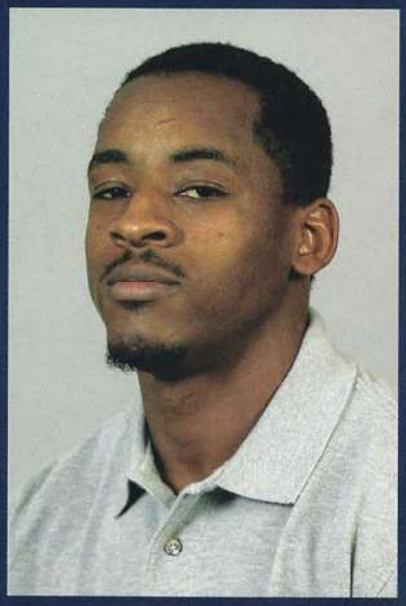

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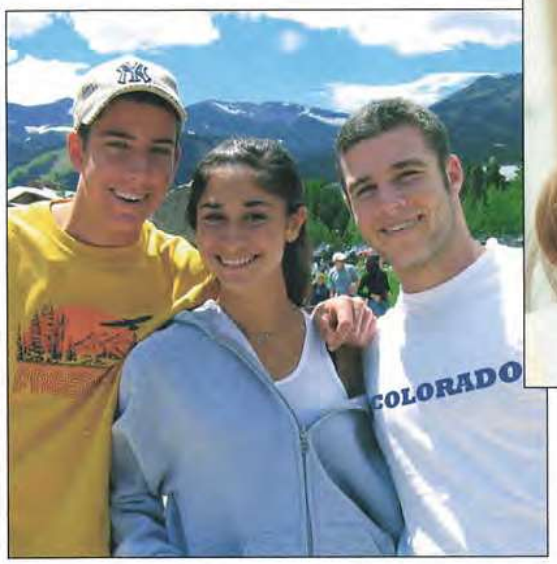

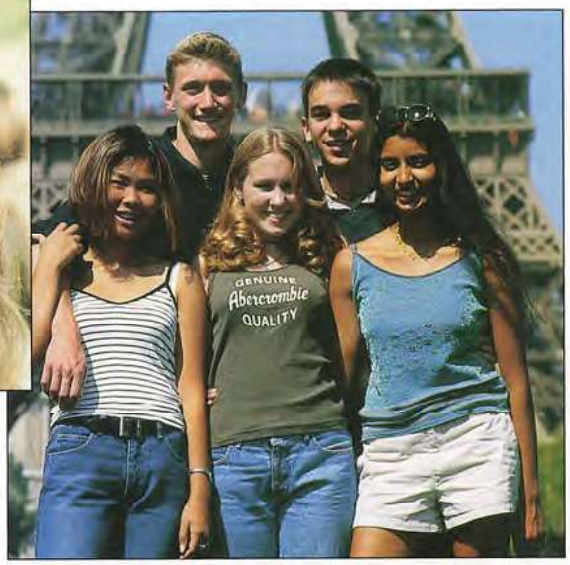

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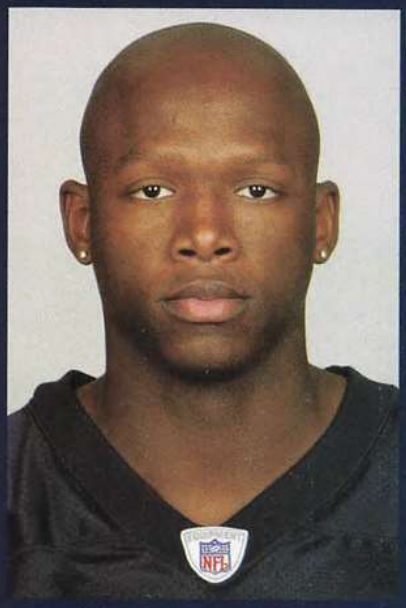

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BEARS IN THE FAST LANE

BY LARRY MAYER

AFTER STRUGGLING ON OFFENSE IN 2004, THE BEARS DIDN'T JUST POKE AROUND UNDER THE HOOD AND ADJUST A FEW BELTS AND WIRES.

They completely overhauled the unit during the offseason, hiring coordinator Ron Turner, signing All-Pro wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad and veteran right tackle Fred Miller in free agency, moving John Tait from right tackle to left tackle to solidify the line and selecting running back Cedric Benson with the fourth pick in the draft.

The Bears are hoping that the upgrades will offset the loss of starting quarterback Rex Grossman, who underwent surgery Aug. 15 after breaking his left ankle in a preseason loss in St. Louis.

The most significant offseason move was the addition of Turner, who returns to the position he held from 1993-96 after spending the last eight seasons as head coach at the University of Illinois. During his first tour with the Bears, Turner guided some of the most prolific offenses in team history despite working with a different starting quarterback each season.

In 1995, the Bears established nine franchise records while averaging 24.5 points and 355 yards per game. The only NFL quarterback to take all of his team's snaps, Erik Kramer set club marks that still stand with 315 completions, 522 attempts, 3,838 yards and 29 touchdown passes while being sacked only 15 times.

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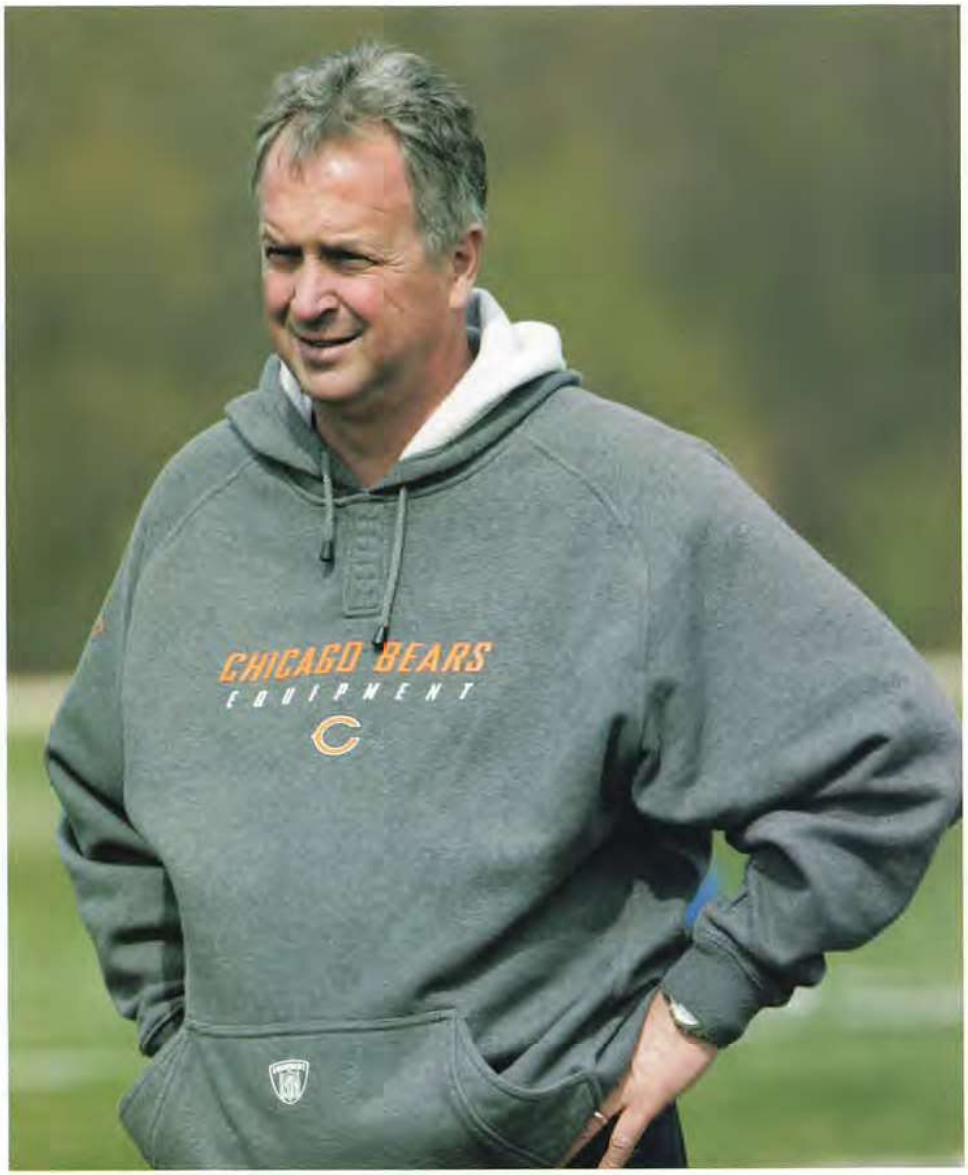

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Turner said of the system the Bears will operate this season. "You tweak things as you go and you make minor adjustments along the way. But it'll be similar in a sense that we're going to want to run the football and that's where it starts. But also it will involve high percentage passes that we did when I was here before.

"One thing that's maybe changed a little bit is a little more of the vertical passing game. I think that's something I've gotten over the years is mixing in the vertical passing game along with the ball-control so-called West Coast offense. That's something that you'll see that's a little bit different. To win games, you've got to score points. To score points, you've got to take some shots getting the ball down the field."

Turner's arrival has been a breath of fresh air.

"It's exactly how I thought it would be," said head coach Lovie Smith. "Ron doesn't have an ego. He's a team player. He's really kind of brought the team together. The players like playing for him. I like the direction that our offense is going and I can't wait to see it continue to grow."

Turner's version of the West Coast offense emphasizes power running while limiting sacks and other negative plays. The system is simpler to operate than the high-volume scheme the Bears ran in 2004, which featured endless shifting and motion and a plethora of seven-step drops.

"It's a high-percentage, precision-type offense that's based on execution and efficiency, starting with the running game," Turner said. "We'll try to run the ball inside a lot, although we will try to get on the perimeter too. It's a power running game, meaning we'll create a lot of double teams with the linemen, giving opportunities to get

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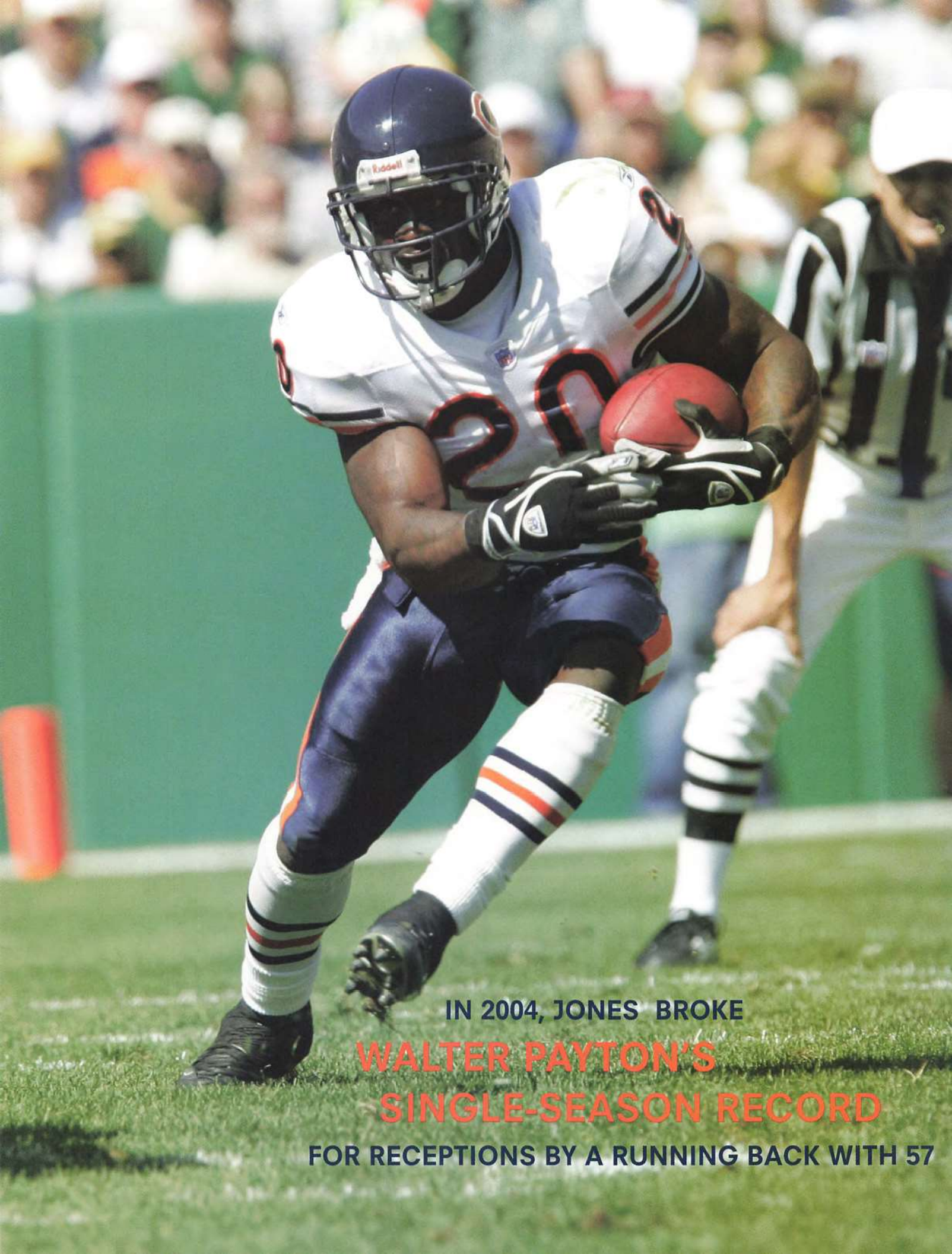

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WALTER PAYTON'S

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FOR RECEPTIONS BY A RUNNING BACK WITH 57

movement at the line of scrimmage and giving the backs an opportunity to find a crease."

One example of how the Bears have simplified their offense is the reduction of quarterback protections from about 30 last season to 12-15 under Turner.

The offense received a major boost with the arrival of Muhammad, who appeared in one Super Bowl and two Pro Bowls in nine seasons with the Carolina Panthers. Last season the 6-2, 215-pounder had 93 receptions and led NFL receivers with 1,405 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Muhammad holds Carolina's career receiving records with 578 catches for 7,751 yards and is tied with tight end Wesley Walls with 44 TDs.

"He's going to have a tremendous impact," Turner said. "He's got tremendous ability. He's a big, physical receiver who's very smart, runs great routes and has a good feel for the game. He has tremendous hands; he goes up and snatches the ball. He's also a tremendous leader. He's having as much of an impact off the field as he is on the field."

Muhammad's 1,405 yards and 16 TDs both would be Bears franchise marks. Single-season record-holders currently are Marcus Robinson, who had 1,400 yards in 1999, and Ken Kavanaugh (1947) and Dick Gordon (1970), who each had 13 TD receptions.

"That's what he did last year," Smith said. "All players have to come in the next season and prove themselves and 'Moose' has been an All-Pro since the day he got here. He's got experience and he's sharing that experience with our young receivers.

"He competes hard every day. It's one thing to say, 'This is what I've done,' but they get a chance to see every day on every play what it takes to play at a high level."

The Bears will boast a revamped line that features four established veteran starters in Kreutz, Tait, Miller and left guard Ruben Brown, who was voted to eight straight Pro Bowls with the Buffalo Bills from 1996-2003.

Shortly after last season ended, Tait walked into Smith's office and volunteered to move from right tackle to left tackle, a position he played with the Kansas City Chiefs from 1999-2001. That paved the way for the Bears to sign Miller, a 6-7, 320-pounder who spent his first 10 NFL seasons with the St. Louis Rams (1996-99) and Tennessee Titans (2000-04).

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The Bears further bolstered their offense in the draft, selecting Benson with their highest pick since choosing Hall of Fame defensive lineman Dan Hampton at No. 4 in 1979.

Highly productive and durable, Benson possesses excellent vision, quick feet and toughness. The 5-10, 222-pounder is a punishing inside runner with great balance and body control.

Benson won the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back as a senior in 2004 after rushing for 1,746 yards and 19 touchdowns. He also became just the fifth running back in NCAA Division I-A history to top 1,000 yards in each of his four seasons.

Benson scored a touchdown in an NCAA-record 37 games and the Longhorns were 25-0 when he rushed for over 100 yards. He's particularly skilled in the red zone, having reached double figures in TDs in all four seasons at Texas with 12, 12, 21 and 19.

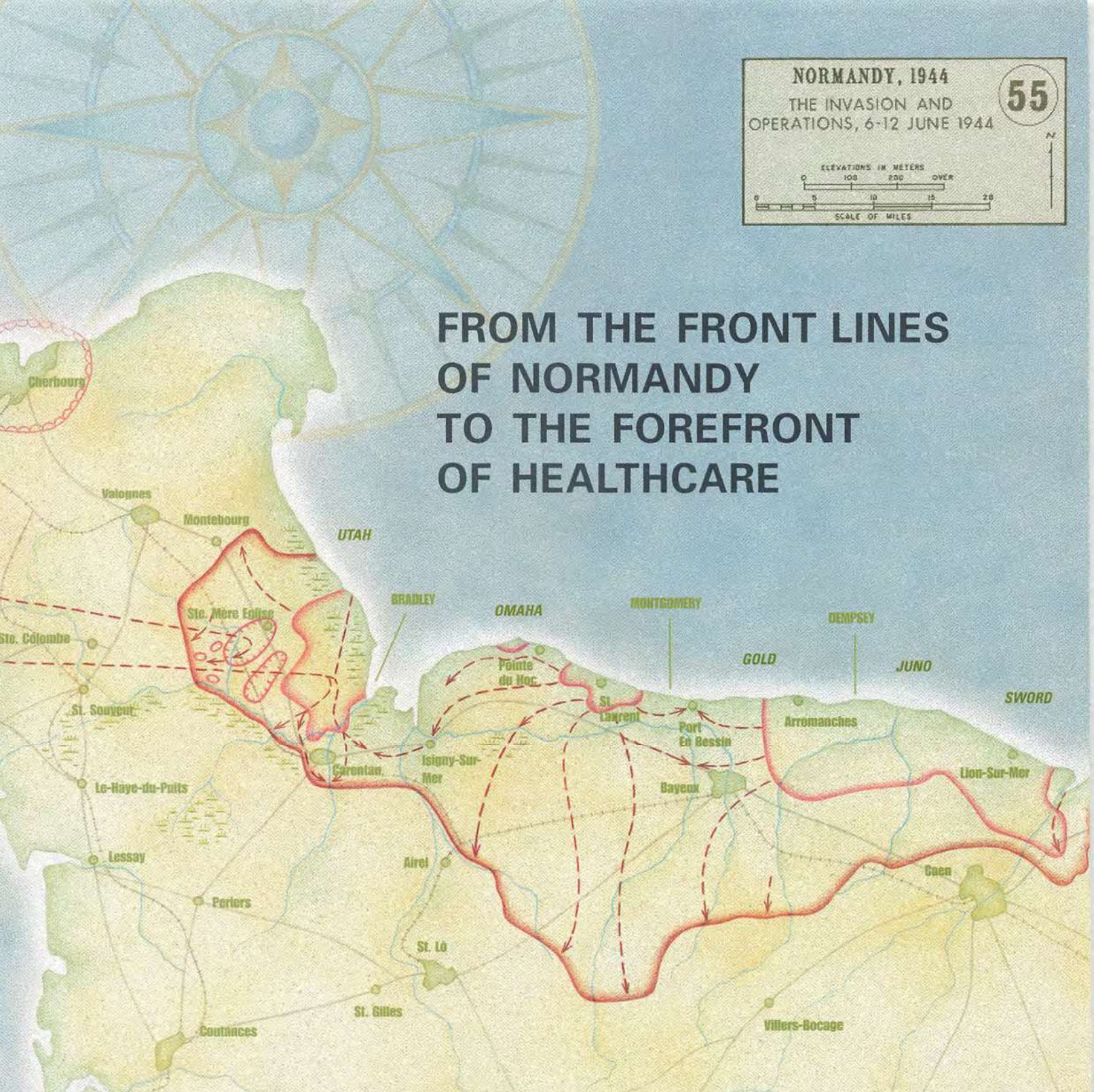
"Cedric's the kind of player that gets better as the game goes on and the season goes on," Turner said. "He's got great running skills. He has a knack for finding the holes, getting yardage after contact and getting tough yardage. I think he's a runner who's going to be very durable."

Benson joins incumbent Thomas Jones in the backfield. In his first season in Chicago, Jones led the Bears in rushing with a career-high 948 yards and 7 touchdowns on 240 carries in 2004. He also broke Walter Payton's single-season record for receptions by a running back with 57 and became the first player to lead the Bears in rushing and receiving since Neal Anderson in 1989.

"Thomas can do a little bit of everything," Turner said. "He's a very good receiver out of the backfield. He's got good burst and good acceleration. He's a very smart football player who's very good with his blitz pick-ups and protections."

While some wondered why the Bears drafted Benson when they already had Jones, Turner stressed that in today's NFL it's crucial to have two quality running backs.

"It's very important," said the offensive coordinator. "Those guys get hit and take a beating. We want to establish the run—that's where our offense begins—so to do it you better have two guys to do it. Otherwise you could be in trouble."



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24 HOURS

EMOTIONS RUN GAMUT BEFORE KICKOFF

BY LARRY MAYER

All of the practices and most of the meetings are complete, but there's nothing quite as eventful or interesting as the 24 hours leading up to kickoff. When the Bears hit the road in advance of a big game, players experience a wide range of emotions from nervousness to excitement to rage.

After pouring a cup of coffee, Bears long-snapper Patrick Mannelly says goodbye to his wife, Tamara, hops into his car and pops in a tape of the Dave Matthews Band or Pearl Jam en route to

Muhsin Muhammad

Halas Hall, where he'll board a team bus to O'Hare Airport.

Defensive end Michael Haynes also spends time with his wife, Stacy, and their dog, Roxxy, a terrier mix. Haynes, an animal lover who has had piranha, turtles and boa constrictors as pets, still wonders why his wife added an extra "X" to their dog's name but doesn't seem to care.

Special teams meeting

Haynes is mostly concerned with arriving at Halas Hall before the team buses leave, something he failed to do while driving in with fellow rookie Brock Forsey prior to a 2003 game. Entrusted with picking up lunch for some veteran teammates at a local Popeye's restaurant, Haynes and Forsey sped to the airport after discovering the buses had departed without them.

"We parked in short-term parking and it was ridiculously expensive," Haynes said with a laugh. "We were the absolute last ones on the plane. (General manager) Jerry Angelo looked at his watch and said, 'You guys are cutting it close.' Literally, we probably had two minutes to spare."

Bears players are required to wear a sport coat and tie on all regular season road trips. Some treat the occasion as a competitive event, trying to out-do their teammates by donning expensive threads that didn't exactly fall off the rack at the local department store. Those who wear cheap or mismatched outfits are scorned as if they've committed a crime or betrayed a friend.

"It is a competition," Haynes confirmed. "When you're a rookie the hardest thing is figuring out how to dress. You have to realize that you cannot dress like a college athlete anymore. You're a professional, so you have to get the custom-made suit.

"It has to fit right and you can't be going to Kmart to buy a tie either. You have to make sure that your tie looks good and everything looks right. Usually it's a veteran that shows you the ropes, shows you what to buy and what not to buy and just kind of takes you under his wing."

Not everyone dresses like they're going to participate in a fashion show or be photographed in a Gentleman's Quarterly spread, however.

Lovie Smith arrives at the stadium

"I'm not a guy with 15 suits," Mannelly said. "I only have two or three suits and two or three sport coats and I rotate those. It's not a big deal to me. I'm not into high-priced suits. I just know we have to wear a coat and a tie so I grab nice ones and wear those."

On the plane, players generally sleep, listen to music and watch movies. Mannelly, who always sits in the same row with tight end Dustin Lyman, usually reads the hottest novel—he recently purchased the latest Harry Potter book—or brings his own movie DVDs such as "Braveheart" or "Napoleon Dynamite."

Haynes, who shares a row with linebacker Joe Odom, typically jokes with teammates or plays cards. This

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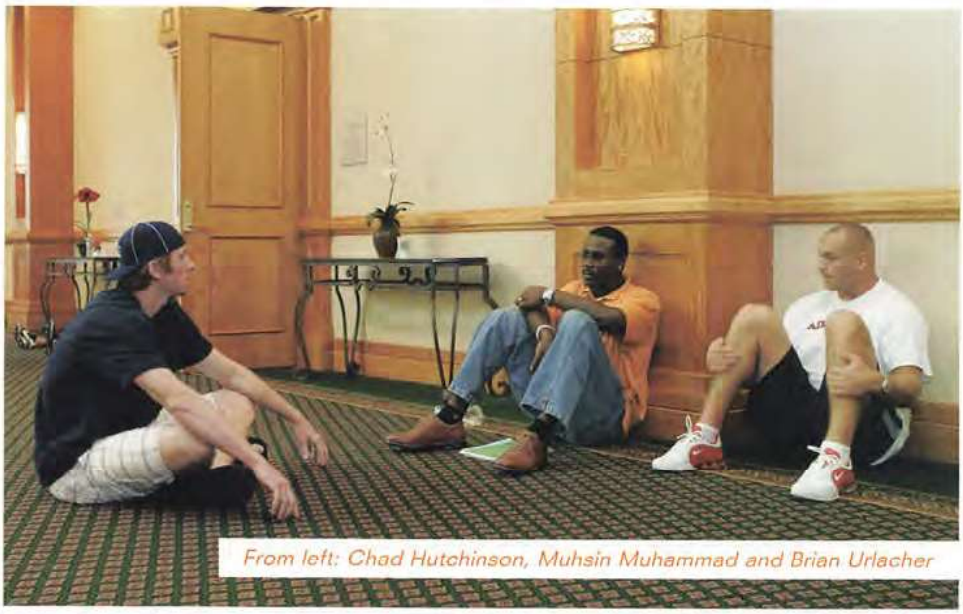
season, Haynes says, players will take advantage of new technology that will enable them to play each against other in portable PlayStation games with a wireless connection.

Once at the hotel, players relax before meetings are conducted to review final details.

"We go in with the special teams first, then we have a team meeting and then we break off between offense and defense," Mannelly said. "If your position coach wants to have a meeting you meet with him for a few minutes too."

Haynes jokes that because coaches are probably calmer on the night before a game than at any other time, he asks the questions he was afraid to bring up earlier in the week.

While defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan delivered a famous fire and brimstone speech on the eve of Super Bowl XX in a meeting that ended with an overturned projector and a chair sticking out of a wall, that was more the exception than the rule.



From left: Chad Hutchinson, Muhsin Muhammad and Brian Urlacher

John Owens

Though players go out to dinner usually by position group on the eve of a game, the Bears conduct a mandatory team meal the next morning.

"I generally eat lots of pasta—stuff that's safe because you don't want to have an upset stomach going into the game," said linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer. "Whenever you're nervous or excited about something, your guts are probably already churning a little bit."

Cornerback Nathan Vasher heads to the meal with his roommate on the road, wide receiver Bernard Berrian, and also watches what he eats.

"I usually have some fruit and some juice," Vasher said. "I don't get any heavy pancakes because I'm too excited to play. I'm anxious. I've never been a real big eater in the morning anyway, but especially on game day. I just get a little something and I'm ready."

As players arrive at the stadium by bus, emotions run the gamut.

"A lot of people say they get nervous," Hillenmeyer said. "I'm sort of an excited nervous. I've never gone into a game jittery or uncomfortable. I'm always excited about getting out there because ever since you started playing football in fourth grade, the games are what make it worth it. All the work and all the banging in all the practices build up to that, so when you finally get to the game you let it all out."

"I'm just so excited before the game," Vasher said. "I have high expectations for myself and our team because we put in so much hard work during the week, so on Sunday that's the time to go out there and let it unwind and just let loose."

Players gear up for the game in their own unique individual ways.

"Nobody really has any weird pregame rituals," Hillenmeyer said. "Everybody's sort of in their own little zone. Some guys are dancing around, hooting and hollering. Everybody has their own process and you can't really criticize anybody else's process because everybody does what they need to do to get ready for the game."

Hillenmeyer actually listens to soothing music to calm himself after

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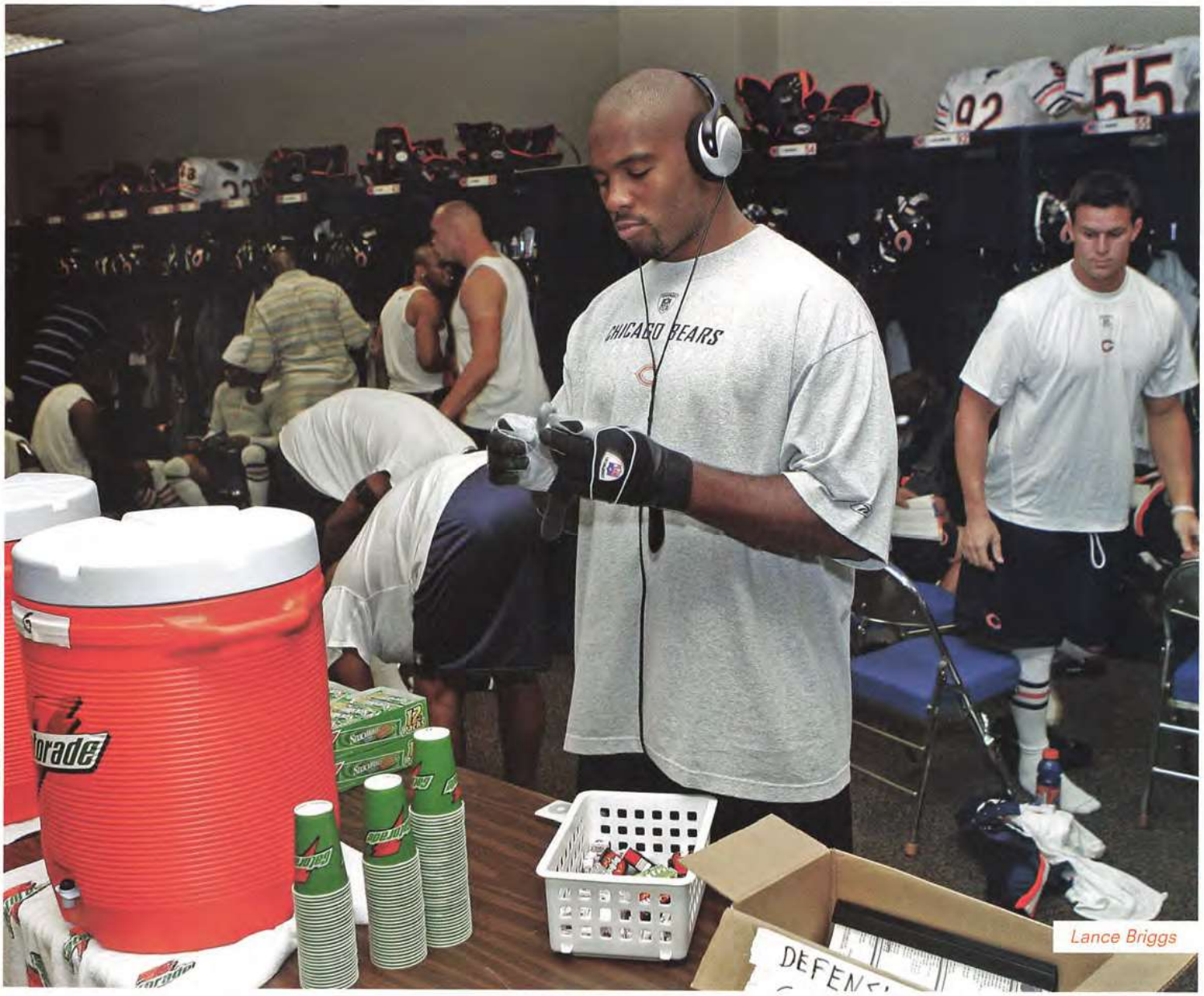

Lance Briggs

arriving at the stadium before turning to bands such as "Rage Against the Machine" or "Linkin Park" to pump himself up after pre-game warm-ups.

"When I was in high school I used to listen to all this real loud music and get all fired up," Hillenmeyer said. "Sometime in my junior or senior year in college I started to realize that I was wasting all my adrenaline before the game, so since then I've sort of tried to just relax."

Vasher, who normally puts his headphones on and listens to some Lil' Wayne or Juvenile music, has one pre-game ritual.

"I always make sure I sit in front of my locker, put my game towel over my head and say my prayers," he said.

Hillenmeyer laughs when he recalls a fellow linebacker who he wouldn't name throwing a temper tantrum before a game because he was trying to put on the wrong shoes.

"He was so fired up about the game that he actually spiked his shoe in the locker room," Hillenmeyer said. "He threw it down as hard as he could and everybody else couldn't help but laugh because he was just so angry."

Fiery motivational pre-game speeches are great in high school locker rooms and in Knute Rockne films, but they rarely happen in the NFL.

"At this level, players know how to get themselves fired up and mentally prepared for a game," Hillenmeyer said. "If it's on the coach to try to get the team ready five minutes before the game, then you're probably already too late. Everybody at this level is pretty good about doing what they need to do to get their mind right before the game."

Bears head coach Lovie Smith simply reminds, reinforces and reviews.

"He usually will sort of have his mantra for the week," Hillenmeyer said, "something that we're going to work on or something that we need to do to win. "It'll be something that he's talked about all week through practice and he'll just say, 'Remember what we talked about this week. That's what we need to do out here today.' He's usually pretty collected. He's not a down-your-throat, in-your-face kind of coach." C

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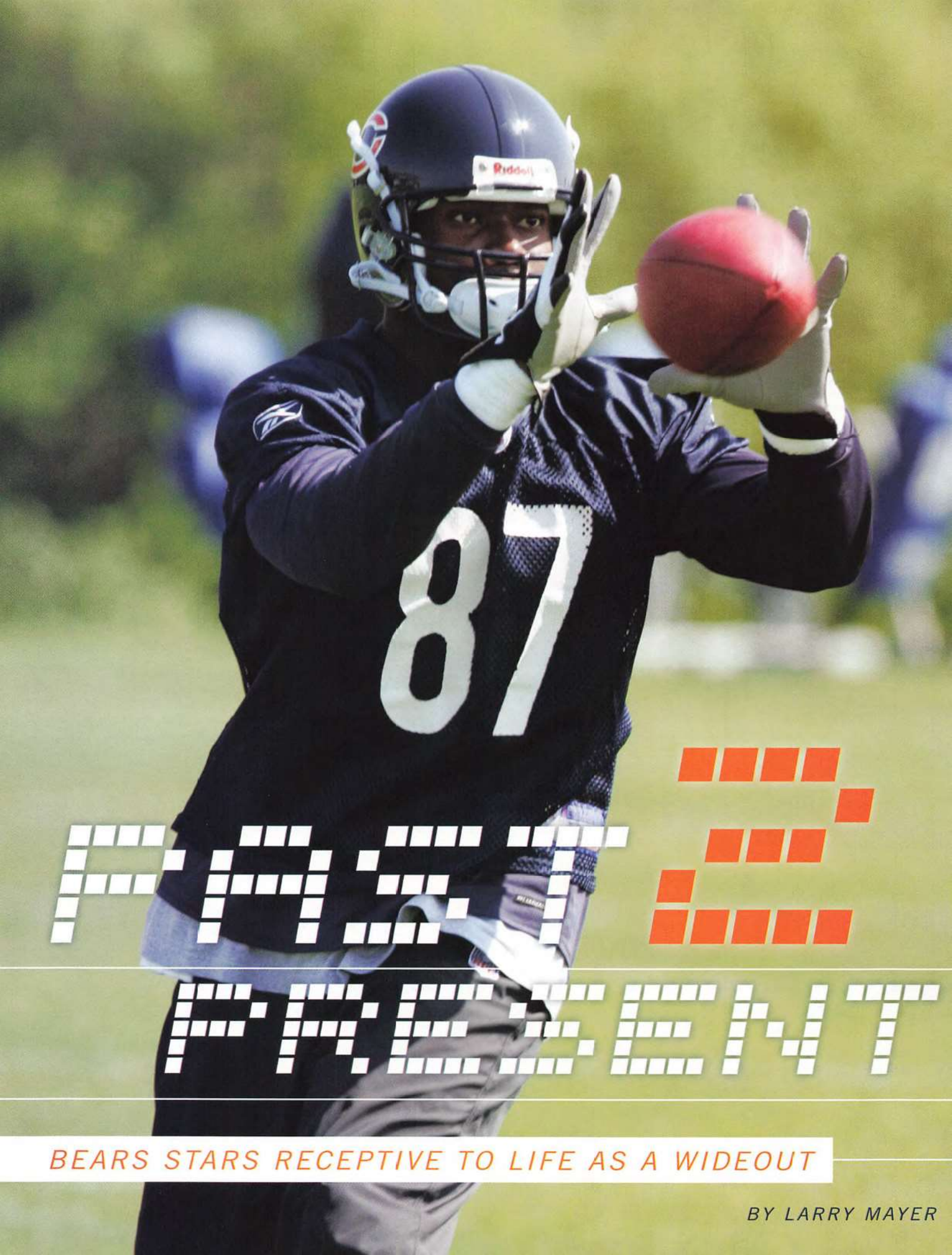

PAST PRESENT

BEARS STARS RECEPTIVE TO LIFE AS A WIDEOUT

BY LARRY MAYER

We gathered three wide receivers from different eras in Bears history for a virtual roundtable discussion pertaining to key issues involving the position and the team.

The panelists are Johnny Morris, Wendell Davis and Muhsin Muhammad.

Morris played 10 seasons with the Bears from 1958-67, was a key member of the 1963 NFL championship squad and remains the franchise's career leader with 5,059 receiving yards.

Davis joined the Bears as a first-round draft pick in 1988 and played six seasons before he suffered career-ending knee injuries in a 1993 game at Philadelphia. Davis ranks 12th on the club's all-time list with 207 receptions and 13th with 3,000 yards.

Muhammad signed with the Bears this past offseason after leading NFL receivers with 1,405 yards and 16 touchdowns last year while playing for the Carolina Panthers. Muhammad appeared in one Super Bowl and two Pro Bowls during nine seasons with the Panthers.

Johnny Morris was a key member of the 1963 NFL Championship team

Were you always a receiver or did you play another position early in your career?

Morris: "I was a running back my first three years with the Bears. Then the trend changed in the NFL around 1960-61 when they got the idea to put smaller, quicker guys out on the flank rather than at halfback. Until that time most ends were tall, lanky guys. The first three little guys that were put out at receiver were myself; Bobby Mitchell, who played for the Browns and Redskins; and Tommy McDonald (who played with five teams from 1957-68). The Bears decided to put me out there as a wide receiver and that's where I played the rest of my career."

Davis: "I started playing receiver when I was a sophomore in high school, but up to that point I had played running back and also quarterback early on. I really wanted to be a running back, but as I got older I was not getting any bigger or stronger. As a running back, I loved touching the ball and being involved with the play all the time. Receiver was the only other position I could do that at, so it kind of forced me to go out there and play receiver."

Muhammad: "I started playing receiver when I got to college. Before that I was a running back and a linebacker. I even played a little offensive and defensive line in Pop Warner, but I used to like defense more than offense."

What appeals or appealed to you most about the receiver position?

Morris: "You had a little more room to run and you didn't take as much punishment as the running backs, that was for sure."

Davis: "Getting in the end zone was very appealing."

Muhammad: "Just the challenge of making plays. I like everything about the game—catching the ball and making plays. But what really appeals to me most is the thrill of making the big catches."

What's the most memorable catch you ever made?

Morris: "We had to beat Detroit in the last game of the year in 1963 to go to the championship game. We were down at the half and Bill Wade hit me over the middle and I went for the touchdown and that got us jump-started. Mike Ditka then scored a touchdown and we beat Detroit, and by beating Detroit we ended up beating the Packers out by half a game."

Davis: "We went into New Orleans to play the Saints when they were 7-0 in 1991 and our offense was horrible the entire game. It was bad, but we managed to stay in the game all the way down to the fourth quarter. There was a little over a minute left and we had an opportunity to score a touchdown. I think I caught one pass the entire game, but it came on fourth-and-15 from Jim Harbaugh to keep the drive going. On the next play, Tom Waddle caught a 12-yard touchdown pass in the final minute and we won the game. That was such a great experience because that was my home state and we had stunk up the joint, but we stayed together the whole way and scored a touchdown at the end to win the game."

Muhammad: "I would have to say my 85-yard touchdown in the Super Bowl. Ty Law was covering me and I gave him a little subtle double move and ran past him. Jake Delhomme was scrambling back there and I just kept running. I threw my hand up and he launched the ball up in the air and when I caught it, I had a safety coming over the top of me and I kind of just gave him a stiff arm and that was it. I just walked in. I didn't know it was a (Super Bowl) record until after the game. It was a big play at that point of the game because we took the lead with that score."

Do you remember your first NFL touchdown?

Davis: "It was on a Monday night and it was one of the better catches I ever made. We were playing the Cleveland Browns and I caught one in the end zone with one hand. They reviewed the play because they thought I had stepped out of bounds, but the review clearly showed that I had both feet in."

Muhammad: "It was a preseason game against the Denver Broncos and I caught a slant and took it in. It was my first NFL game and I'll never forget that. I've got it on tape. I don't watch it much. I just know that I've got it in my archives."

Who's the best quarterback you ever played with?

Morris: "The guys I connected with the most were Bill Wade and Rudy Bukich. I had a pretty good rapport with both of them, but they were completely different quarterbacks. They called Rudy "The Rifle" because he had a rocket arm like Brett Favre, whereas Wade was more of a touch-type passer. We had to know which one was playing because it was a whole different way of timing. If I ran a 14-yard hook, Bill Wade's pass would be on the way as I was going into my break. Bukich threw such a bullet that he would let you make your turn and then fire the ball."

Davis: "I would have to say Jim Harbaugh because he was my quarterback the longest and Jim was involved when I had my best year with the Bears."

Muhammad: "I've played with some good ones. Jake Delhomme led us to a Super Bowl and Kerry Collins has turned out to be a pretty good quarterback too. But Steve Beuerlein was a really good quarterback and between the three of them I probably liked Beuerlein the best."

Why was it so special to play for the Bears?

Morris: "The Bears were the 'Monsters of the Midway' and it was a unique situation. George Halas was the father of pro football and he was the coach, the general manager and the owner, which was good in some respects and not so good when it came to negotiating. But just being part of the Bears tradition was really great. I played with the Bears my whole career. I was still playing with the Bears when I got a television job and I spent 30 years with CBS in Chicago. So not only was it great for my football career but it was great for the rest of my life because it gave me a profession that was very satisfying."

Davis: "It's kind of indescribable. Growing up as a kid, even in Louisiana, you hear about the Chicago Bears, you hear about the tradition, you hear about Walter Payton. I was a big Gale Sayers fan growing up. I just loved watching highlight films of him and the way he ran the wall. When I first got to the Bears, you can't help but get involved in the tradition because of what's adorned on the walls with Papa Bear Halas and the guys who basically started the NFL. It was great to be part of that tradition and to play in a market like Chicago made it even better."

What's the most memorable moment of your career?

Morris: "The day we won the championship. Everybody strives to be the best at

Wendell Davis played quarterback and running back before becoming a receiver in high school.

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whatever you do and when you win a championship you know that you're the best team in the NFL and we were. That's something that people always strive for and we made it there."

Muhammad: "Draft day. I had a lot of family over at my house and we were watching all of the guys get picked. I really didn't have an idea of where I was going to go. I had a really good senior season and had an awesome combine workout and workouts for pro teams, so I knew a lot of teams were high on me. But there were a lot of receivers taken in that draft, so I wasn't sure where I was going to go and I was picked in the second round, so it was a big day for me."

Do you or did you encounter much trash talk from defensive backs?

Morris: "I don't think there was as much when I played as there is now, but (the tone) was the same. The guys that I talked with the most were Johnny Sample, who played for the Redskins and recently passed away, and Herb Adderley of the Green Bay Packers. It seems like trash-talking has become much more a part of pro football. Guys use it to get themselves up or try and scare their opponents. It's just become a part of the game like celebrating touchdowns."

Davis: "There wasn't that much when I played. You had a few talkers. I remember that Deion Sanders and some of the guys in Atlanta used to talk a lot. But every time I encountered that, I never worried about it. You just go out and play the game. I tried to get them between the whistles."

Muhammad: "It varies from game to game and with the relationship you might have with a guy. I don't trash talk a lot and I don't really get a lot of guys talking a whole lot of trash to me. One thing I remember that was pretty funny was when we were playing against Tampa Bay one year. (Fellow Panthers receiver) Steve Smith was getting into it with Warren Sapp. They were jaw-jacking pretty good and (offensive linemen) Todd Steussie and Jeff Mitchell said, 'Steve, would you shut up, you don't have to block him.'"

Who do you think is the best wide receiver in NFL history?

Morris: "I don't think anybody could argue with Jerry Rice, but there have been a lot of great ones throughout the years. Every era is a little bit different. The wide receivers now have it made because if the defensive backs don't bump them once in the first five yards, they can't touch him before the ball is thrown. Back in my era they could do whatever they wanted to you. They could cut you down 15 yards downfield if they wanted to. They changed some of the rules to open up the game and make it more exciting and I can understand that. It does make it more exciting, but it's like a track meet out there now."

Davis: "I'm a big fan of people who played the game consistently well over a period of time like Jerry Rice, Drew Pearson and James Lofton. I'm a fan of guys like that who never complained and just worked. Muhsin Muhammad is another player like that. They've been consistent, come to work and do their job."

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-Muhsin Muhammad

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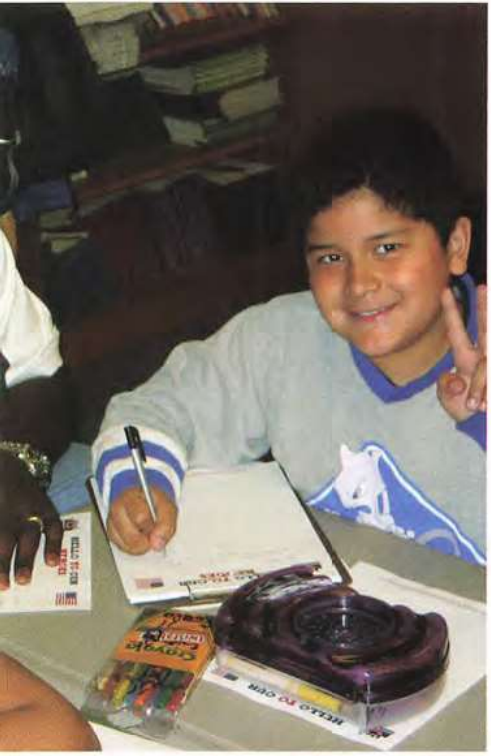

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Since the team's inception, the Chicago Bears organization has remained dedicated and committed to making a difference in the lives of people throughout Chicagoland. The Chicago Bears inspire positive change in the community by implementing and supporting programs in the areas of Education, Underprivileged Children and Families, Health and Wellness, Youth Football, and Volunteerism and Civic Initiatives. Through a collaborative partnership between the team's Community Relations Department and our charitable beneficiary, Bears Care, a fund of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation... the Chicago Bears continue to Tackle the Needs of Chicago.

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The Chicago Bears recognize the importance of offering and supporting educational programs for children from grade levels kindergarten through high school. Whether teaching children to read, encouraging them to become better citizens, or discussing life experiences, our desire is to instill a characteristic vital to their development – hope. Children are our future...and an educated child equates to a brighter future.

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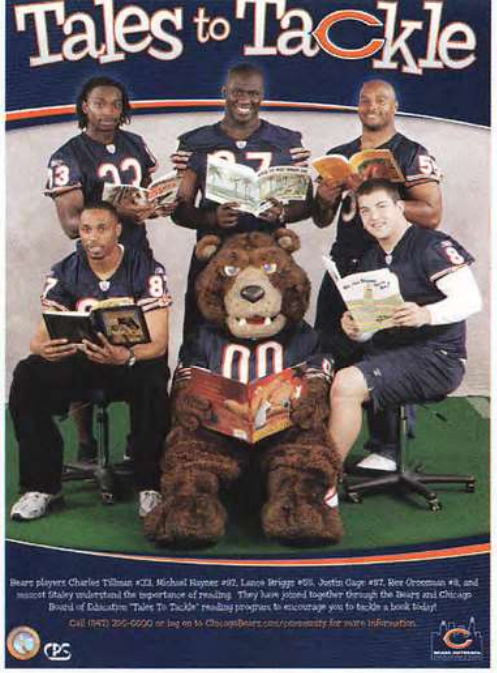
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The Chicago Bears are committed to supporting programs that offer assistance and encouragement to underprivileged children and families. By collecting coats during the cold Chicago winters, distributing turkeys for the holidays, and visiting children at youth agencies, our organization makes a tangible impact on the lives of those less fortunate.

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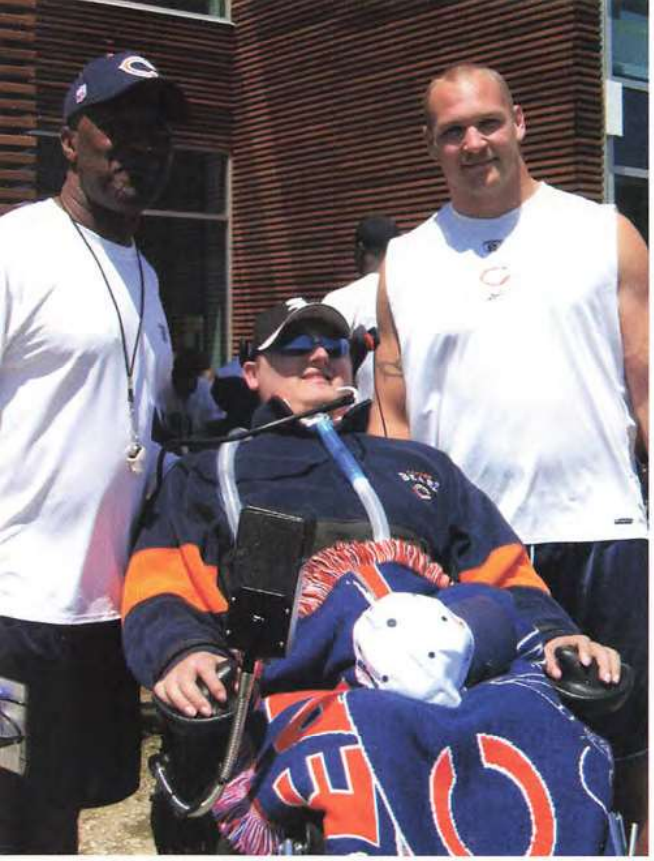

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Maintaining good health is essential for our players' success on the field, but unfortunately illness or disability is a part of everyday life for many Chicagoans. The Bears organization supports health and wellness initiatives through hospital visits, awareness programs, preventive measure campaigns, donations, and advocacy. Support is given to people affected by illness or disability, as well as to programs that benefit specific causes. We are committed to helping people attain personal fulfillment and happiness.

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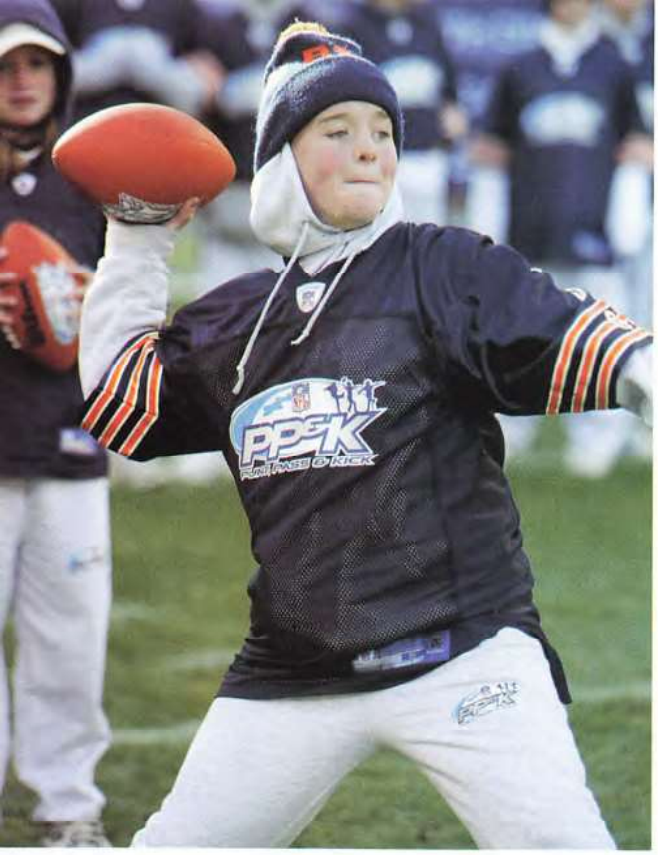

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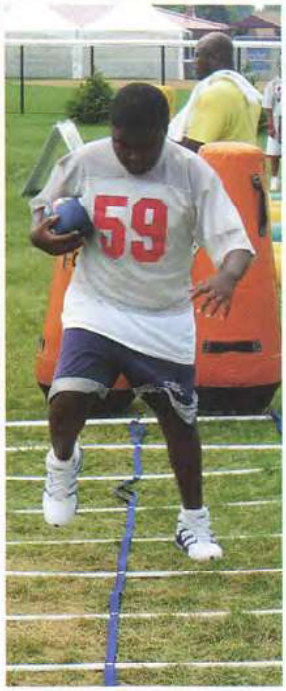
YOUTH FOOTBALL

Today's youth football players are the NFL stars of tomorrow. The Chicago Bears have always taken an active role in offering and supporting a variety of youth football opportunities throughout Chicagoland. Through our youth camps, flag leagues, tackle leagues, skills development clinics, and junior training camps, our goal remains the same – to encourage children to play football.



BEARS YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMPS

BEARS FLAG FOOTBALL

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VOLUNTEERISM & CIVIC INITIATIVES

Hands-on volunteerism is one of the most fulfilling and rewarding ways to give back to the community. Bears executives, players, coaches, and staff understand the extreme importance of taking time out of our schedules to actively make a difference in the lives of people who are most in need. Through our Paws for a Cause volunteer program, all members of our organization have the opportunity to participate in various hands-on, organization-wide volunteer events each year. In addition, we support a variety of military initiatives including practice visits, ticket donations, and appreciation events. The Bears also administer several awards and recognition programs that honor outstanding community volunteers and distinguish many of our players who actively give back to the community.

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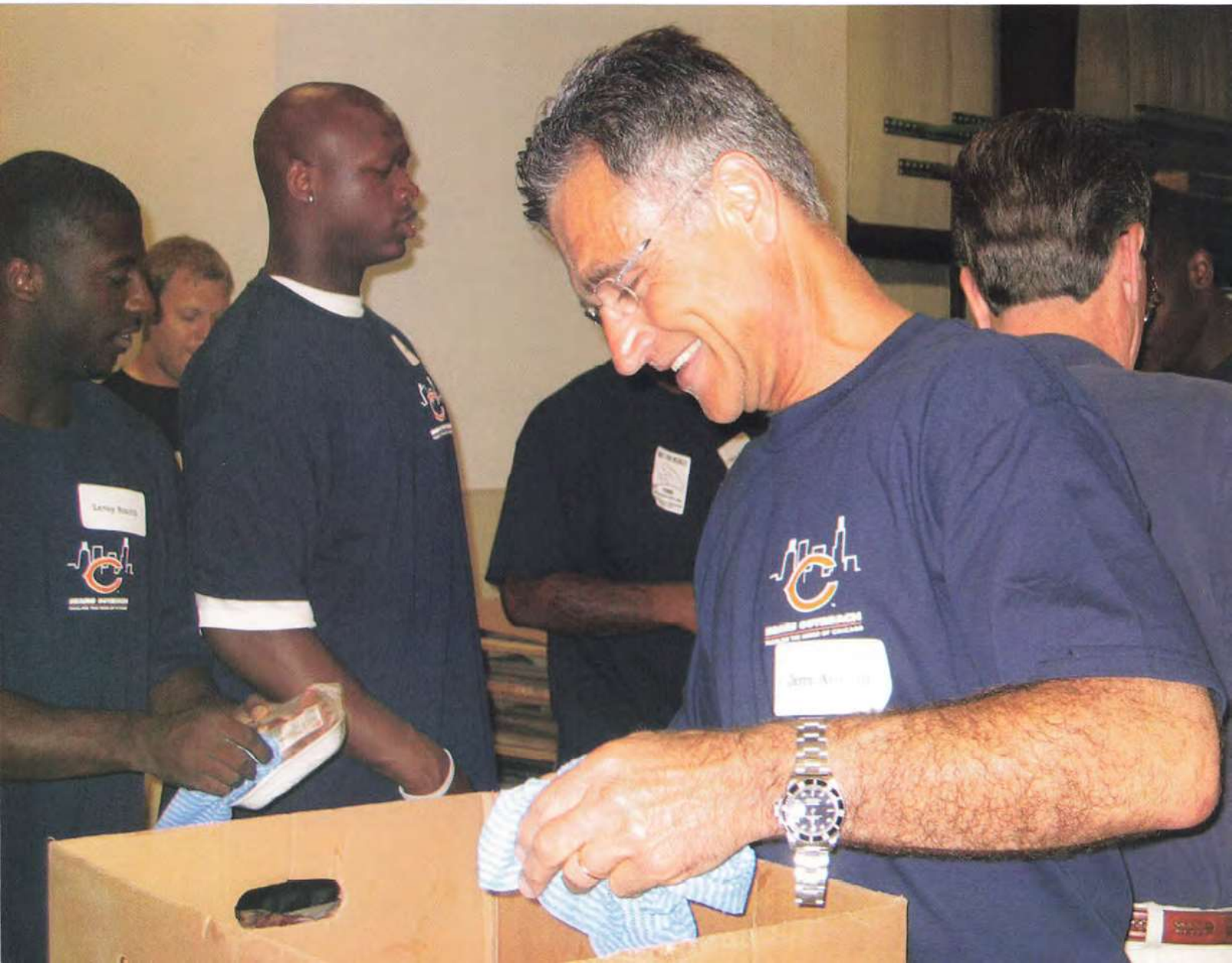

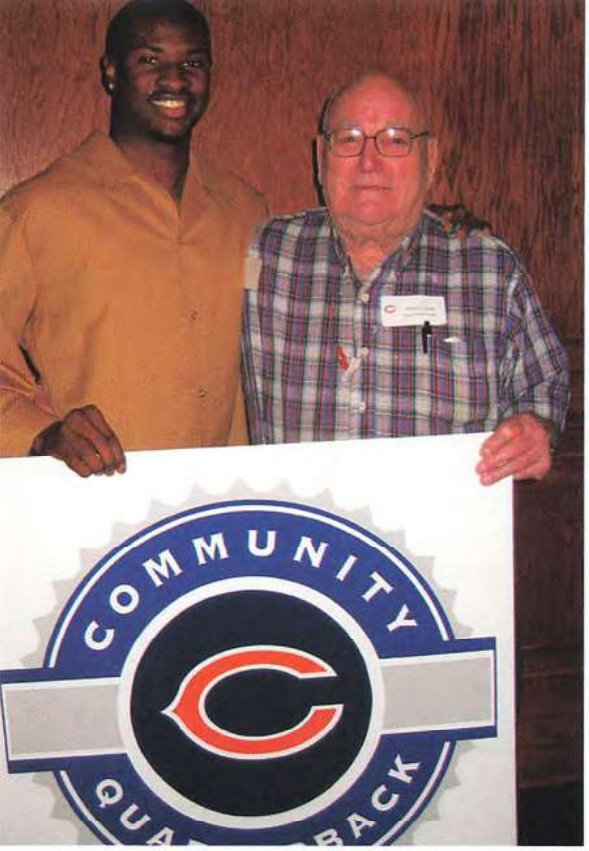

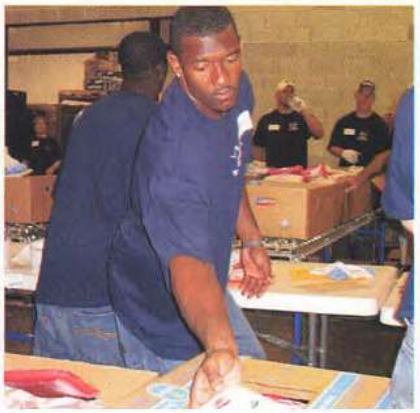

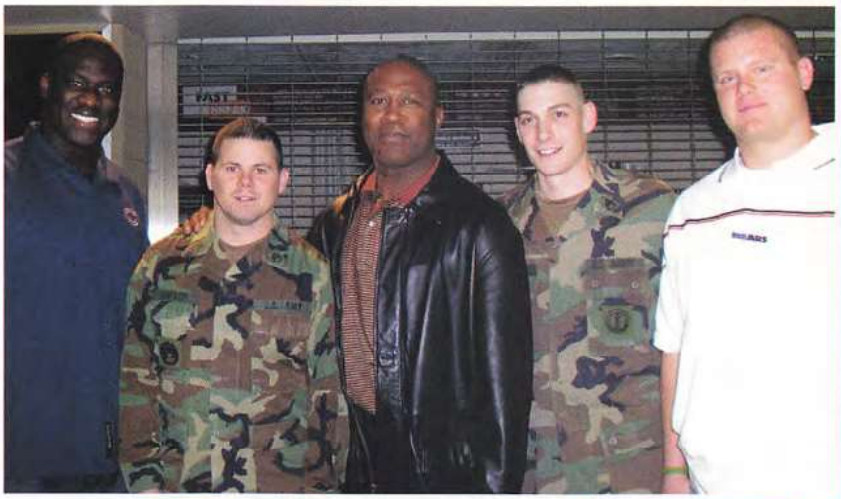

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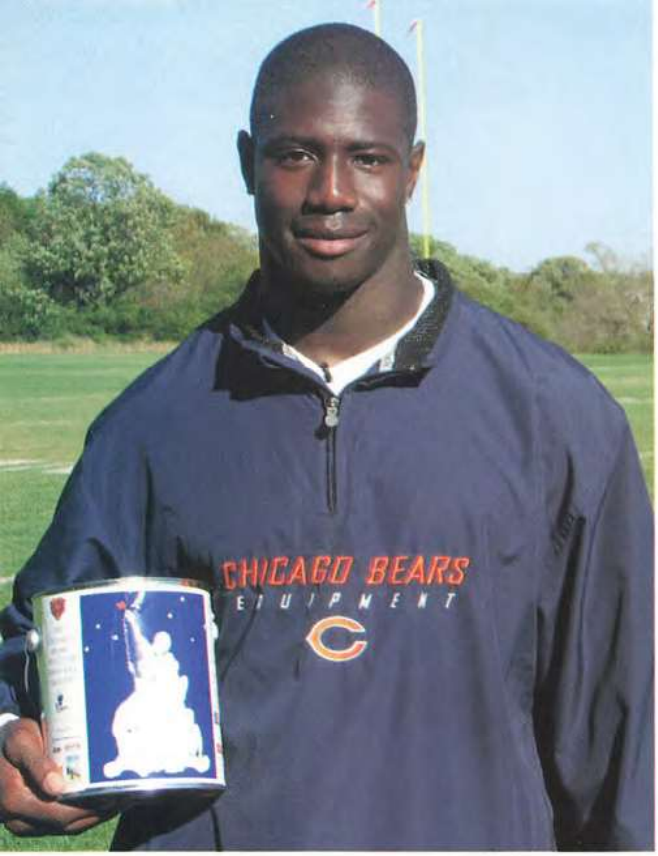

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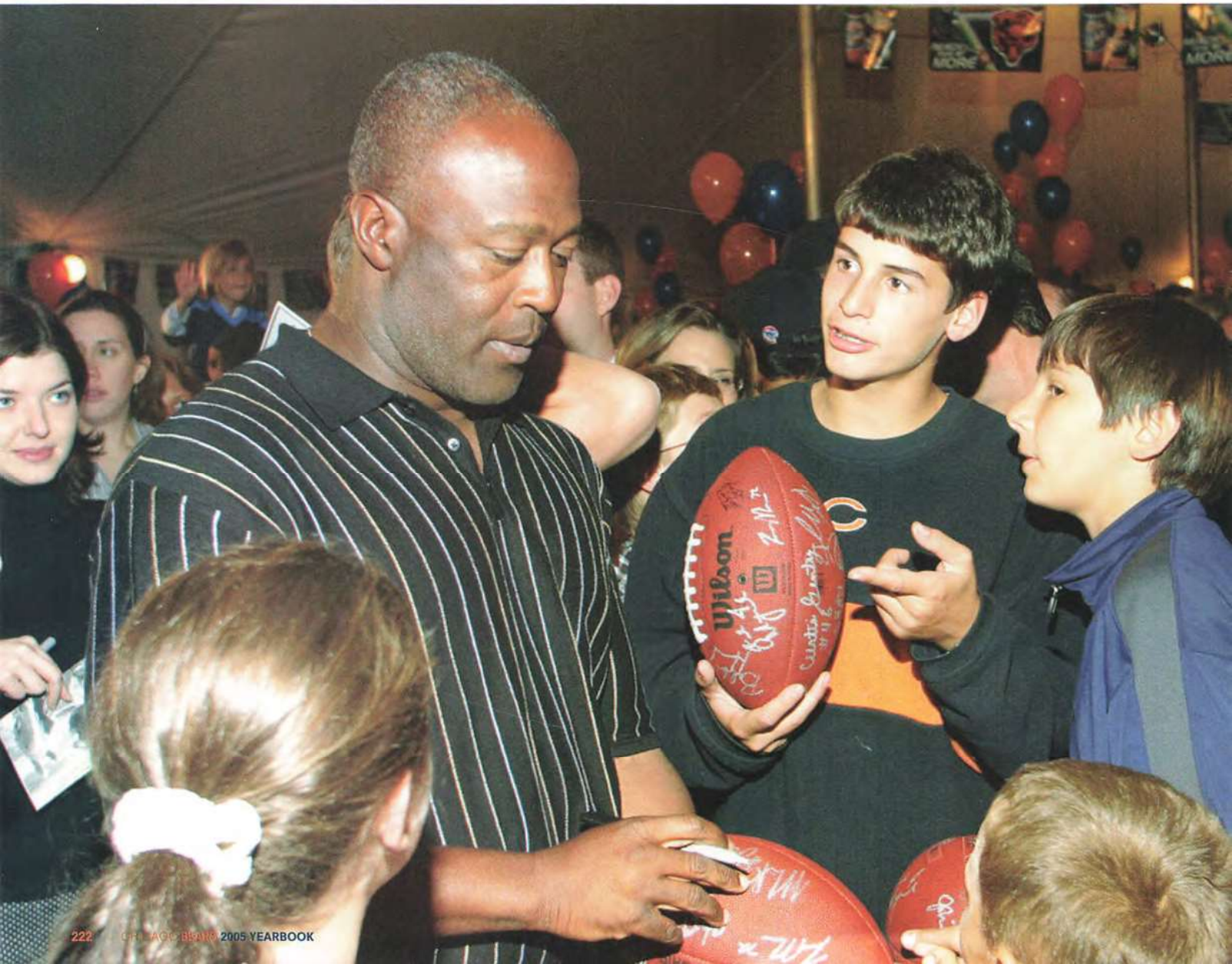
In 1995, in order to increase the team's reach and effectiveness in the community, the Chicago Bears partnered with the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation to create Bears Care, as a fund of the Foundation. The Foundation matches funds raised by Bears Care at a significant percentage, allowing us to address even more of the needs existing within the community. Since inception, Bears Care has made charitable distributions in excess of $10.2 million to over 70 not-for-profit organizations.

Bears Care's mission is to support programs that are designed to positively impact people in the areas of education, youth and families, athletics, entrepreneurship, and health, with a particular emphasis on programs aimed at disadvantaged youth. Bears Care also considers programs devoted to physically challenged individuals and programs that promote healthy, drug-free lifestyles.



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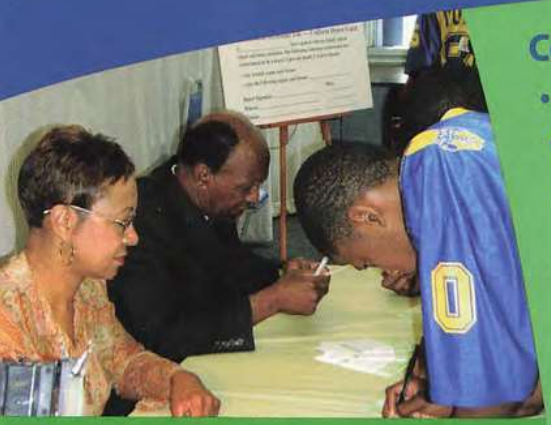
Remembering Walter Payton

Teaming Up with the Chicago Bears for a Great Cause

The Chicago Bears have teamed up with Walgreens, the Illinois Secretary of State's office, and the Illinois Coalition on Donation to sponsor this nationwide initiative to educate high school students about organ and tissue donation.



Components of the program include:

- Classroom and web-based education at high schools throughout Illinois
- Awareness and donor sign-up booth at Bears home games
- Chicago Bears appearances in conjunction with Youth for Life assemblies at high schools during the school year

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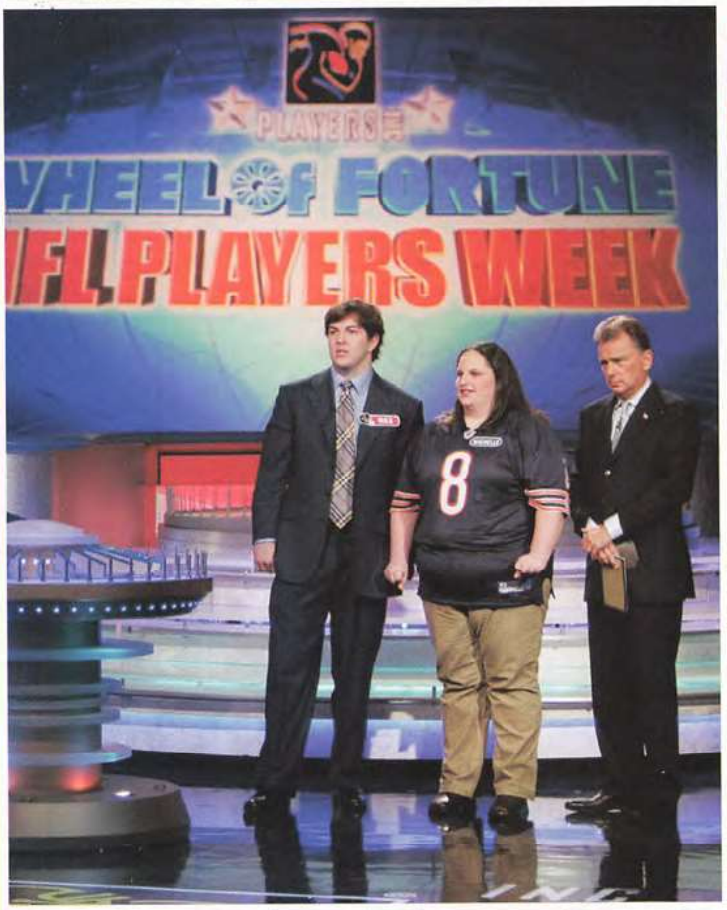

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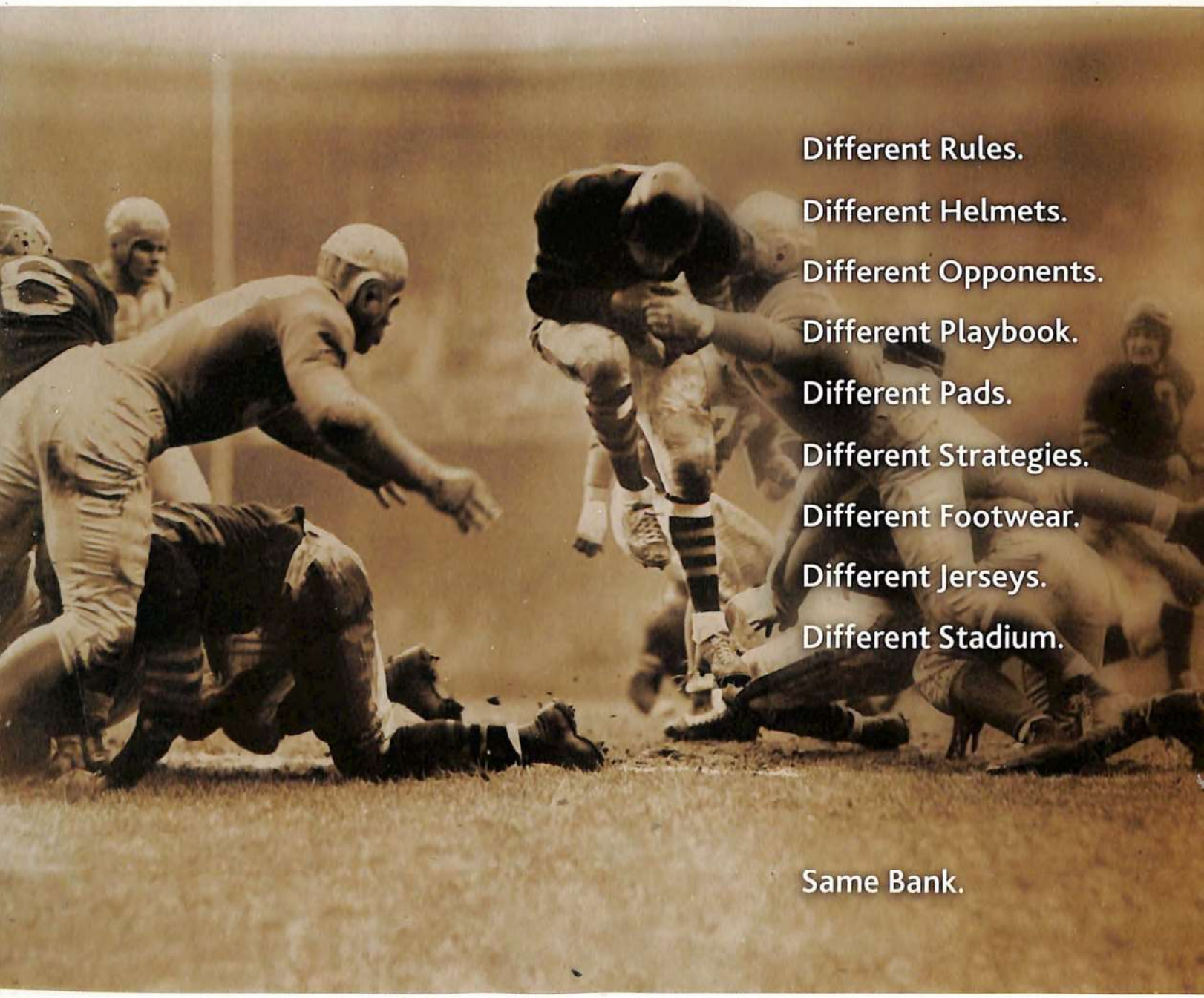

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